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SAVAGE AIR HITS BY U. N. PLANES 40,000 Chinese Dead So Far; 'Big Push' Soon

TOKYO, DECEMBER 27. (PTI-REUTER).

UNITED NATIONS PLANES CEASELESSLY POUNDING THE MASSING COMMUNIST FORCES IN NORTH KOREA HAD TONIGHT FLOWN 300 SORTIES IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO DISRUPT THE THREATENED DRIVE INTO THE SOUTH.

Flight after flight of United Nations planes had taken off since dawn ranging for targets over the snow-covered concentration areas just north of the 38th parallel following a night of heavy bombing in clear moonlight.

Below them Communist reconnaissance troops continued probing the United Nations line. Otherwise the four-week general lull prevailed and the threatened large-scale Communist drive on Seoul, 30 miles below, had not begun.

The United Nations Eighth Army holding the defence line across the peninsula had been strengthened by 100,000 men of the Tenth Corps evacuated from Hungnam to the north-eastern beachhead. Lieut. General Ridgeway in charge of this unified force was understood to have 220,000 men now under his command.

40,000 DEAD

The American Air Forces estimated today that it had killed or wounded 40,000 Chinese so far in the Korean war.

Fifth Air Force pilots claimed to have killed and wounded approximately 800 troops in today's attacks alone. A strong concentration of the Chinese regular troops was reported by United States intelligence today in the area between the Yesong and Imjin rivers, a few miles above the 38th parallel. They were mixed with North Korean formation and were believed to be operating under a unified command. Their main drive was expected to be around Yunchon, forces were poised around Yunchon. Light and scattered activity took place on the central and eastern sectors of the Allied front today, an Eighth Army spokesman said.

Nearest activity was far was a patrol clash with unidentified Communist yesterday on the north bank of the Imjin river.

SURRENDER

Stunned by the fury of a Fifth Air Force attack, Communist troops surrendered without fight at one point on the Korean battle-front today, a U. S. Commander said.

The surrender was reported by Mustang pilots who "worked over" a ridge where the Communists entrenched in an eastern mountain section. They said almost 100 Communists who had survived attacks of successive flights of American planes threw away their weapons and came out with their hands in air as United Nations troops approached them. Many Communists did not survive the attack.

INTERROGATION

Russian officers in uniform have interrogated American prisoners of war in Korea, according to informed military sources here.

One American officer captured by Chinese was released after questioning by a Russian, according to the sources.

The Russian spoke flawless English and was said to have treated the American in a friendly way.

ULTIMATELY U. N. WILL WIN

MacArthur's Men Are Optimistic

TOKYO, Dec. 27. (PTI): United Nations senior officers in Tokyo believe that U.N. forces may in time turn the tables on the Chinese Communists making the war much more of a drain on Peking's resources than on their own.

General MacArthur's headquarters staff assert that every effort will be made to hold the line in South Korea whether it is just below the thirty-eighth parallel as now or a new and stronger hedgehog position on the old Taegu-Pusan bridgehead. A spokesman said yesterday that the Hungnam evacuation from North-East Korea "completed the readjustment" of U.S. armies following the Chinese onslaught.

Joined now by 100,000 men of the Tenth Corps from Hungnam, the Eighth Army Commander, Lieut. General Ridgeway, is understood to have more than 220,000 men with an unchallenged supremacy of air and sea power and an overwhelming superiority in tanks, guns and general fire power.

It is said here that a determined force of this size should hold, say a 120-mile perimeter around Taegu, almost indefinitely against ten million Chinese labouring under considerable supply difficulties.

The Nigerian Labour Congress yesterday called off a strike which was unofficially estimated to involve 20,000 workers in trading firms in Lagos.

Cease-Fire Committee's Crucial Talks

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (PTI-REUTER): The United Nations Korean Cease-Fire Committee of three met today at the residence of Mr. B. N. Rau (India) to consider the Peking Government's reply to the United Nations appeal for a peaceful settlement in Korea. Mr. Nasrollah Entezam and Mr. R. G. Riddell of Canada also attended.

Mr. Riddell was representing Mr. Lester Pearson, Canadian External Affairs Minister, third member of the Committee, who is at present in Ottawa. The Committee had twice previously considered the reply of Mr. Chou En-lai, Peking Foreign Minister, which had rejected the cease-fire proposal. The reply made three demands—the admission of Communist China into the United Nations, the withdrawal of "American forces" from Formosa, and the withdrawal of United Nations forces from Korea.

Today's meeting was generally considered to be a crucial one as it had already been announced last week that "barring developments" the Committee would begin to draft its final report to the Political Committee today.

The American Association of University Women, Honolulu branch, has offered one graduate fellowship to an Indian woman.

Satyagraha: New Style

VISHAKAPATNAM, Dec. 27. (PTI): Four thousand Satyagrahis are being tapped illicitly by former today tappers now thrown out of employment due to prohibition in the district, it was officially learned.

This illicit tapping described as "Palmyra Satyagraha" which began a week ago, is now stated to have extended to the whole of the Vishakapatnam district including Waltair.

Prohibition officials have taken measures to round up the tappers.

WORLD PEACE THROUGH NON-VIOLENCE

President On India's Efforts To Avert Catastrophe

PEACE would only reign in the world if the people took to the teachings and ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, observed Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President, addressing a huge gathering here tonight.

Dr. Prasad who was replying to the welcome address presented to him in a silver casket on behalf of the citizens of Nagpur, said, "Times are very critical. Everybody is talking of non-violence. We are stated to be engaged in the production of destructive weapons. Scientists are busy in inventing more destructive arms and weapons. Men, money and talents are being concentrated on the production of arms and ammunition in abundance."

The President felt that if a third world war broke out, it would spread to every nook and corner of the globe and nobody would have the power to arrest its spread. It would spell ruin. War would not solve the problems facing the world. It would not lead to the establishment of peace in the world. It would on the other hand aggravate the situation, impair the relations and lead to the destruction of mankind.

THE NON-VIOLENT WAY

The President added, "We are trying our best to explore ways and means

CABINET CHANGES WELL RECEIVED

Further Regrouping Expected

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27. The regrouping of subjects dealt by the Ministries of Commerce, Industry and Supply, Works, Mines and Power was generally well received here. But there is a feeling that the claim that the reorganisation would result in economy will have to be tested by results.

The general view here is that that it would not save an appreciable amount of money nor would it generate a climate for economy which was so much emphasised by the Finance Minister in Parliament last week.

Further regrouping of subjects is also envisaged here. According to well-informed circles, the Ministries of Transport and Communication would shortly be amalgamated into one under the charge of Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai. Shipping may also be transferred to that Ministry.

National highways will be transferred from the Ministry of Transport to the Ministry of Works. Though critics do not regard this as necessary or conducive to economy, they would like regrouping of Education, Health and Labour into one Ministry of Welfare Affairs.

Politics and clash of personalities, however, stand in the way of the implementation of the new plan. The decision announced yesterday will raise the important issue of reorganisation of the staff among the three Ministries. As most of the recommendations of the Estimates Committee were directed to branches of Industry and Supply Ministry, all of which will be transferred to Mr. Gadgil's portfolio, it should be presumed that the burden of implementing them and thereby affecting economies will wholly rest with him now.

NAGPUR, December 27. (UPI).

For the maintenance of peace in the world, I admit we have no power and strength to preserve peace, but we will endeavour to avoid war as far as possible. We are wedded to the creed of non-violence. We will ask the other nations of the world to solve their outstanding problems by adopting non-violent means. We do not know whether these nations will listen to our advice. If we fail in our attempts, it is not out of our fault.

"We shall continue trying to make them understand the importance and advantages of adopting non-violent measures for preserving peace in the world. We are doing this as our duty. We are warning them that if they are not able to rise our heads and lead the after-effects of the last war. We have not yet recouped ourselves from it."

"I am confident," the President said, "if the Western countries listen to our advice, peace would reign in the world without any bloodshed and lead the country to peace and prosperity."

The President added, "We are trying our best to explore ways and means

INDIAN HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION SESSION



The twenty-seventh Annual Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission was inaugurated by H. E. Shri Mangaldas Pakvasa, Governor, Madhya Pradesh, on December 25, 1950, at the University Convocation Hall. Mr. Pakvasa seen delivering his inaugural address. The session was attended by almost all the eminent historians of the country.

Only Routine Message

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (PTI).

A Government House official said here today that the message of good wishes, reported to have been sent on behalf of the President to the Hindu Mahasabha meeting at Poona, had actually been sent by the President's office as ordinary routine acknowledgement of such invitations, without the President being aware of it. No reference was made to the President, the official added.

Dutch-Indonesian Talks Fail

THE HAGUE, Dec. 27 (PTI-REUTER): Dutch and Indonesian delegates failed to agree on the future status of Western New Guinea at their last meeting here today—"deadline" for a settlement.

But it was announced that during the day Holland tried to break the deadlock by proposing that negotiations be continued with the help of the United Nations Commission for Indonesia (UNCI) "or another body which could offer its good offices to the parties."

The Indonesians replied that their instructions did not permit them to give their views on this suggestion.

A BULL'S TRIUMPH

BAREILLY, Dec. 27. (PTI): A bull which tried to attack a running train succeeded in derailing its engine, but got itself killed.

The Oudh Tirthat Railway crack train, the Down Lucknow Express, whose engine was derailed, was held up last night for more than four hours at the city limits on account of this incident.

No one was injured.

UNDERCARRIAGE STUCK: PLANE RETURNS

LONDON, Dec. 27. (PTI-REUTER): A Pan-American Airways Constellation bound for the Far East returned to London airport shortly after taking off today when the pilot found that the undercarriage would not retract.

The 23 passengers including the members of the Burmese United Nations delegation on their way home from Lake Success were told they would be delayed for at least twelve hours.

Collision Hurts Thirty

MANCHESTER, Dec. 27. (PTI-REUTER): Between 30 and 40 people were injured, three seriously, when a crowded workmen's train and a light engine collided outside Manchester central station today.

First reports said one man was killed, but a British Railways spokesman said later that it was believed there were no fatal casualties.

IDEA OF FREEDOM

MADRAS, Dec. 27. (UPI): Mr. James S. Perkins, General Secretary of the American section of the Theosophical Society, addressing the 75th convention of the Society here today on "Freedom through Intuition", said that the greater conflicts that divided mankind today were rooted "in the differing ideals as to what constitutes freedom for the individual, for the groups of individuals, and for the inter-relationships that must exist between these and the totality of humanity."

CONCERTED ATTACK ON FRENCH POSTS

Munitions Parachuted

HANOI, Dec. 27. (PTI-REUTER): Viet Minh troops today launched a concerted attack on French outposts in the Phuyuen Phulo area about 50 miles north of Hanoi, the Tonkin delta capital.

French troops battling 25 miles further south recaptured Daphue, a northern outpost taken by the Viet Minh 24 hours earlier.

Meanwhile in the north-east, a column of French troops moving up to reinforce Binhlieu fortress about 20 miles from the Chinese frontier had met no resistance.

A French military spokesman announced tonight that munitions were parachuted yesterday to the beleaguered fort which has been under constant attack for three days.

He said four or five Viet Minh battalions had concentrated in the triangle surrounding Binhlieu formed by Tienyen, Moncay and Dinhlaph.

The French were maintaining operational reserves in the zone to face all Viet Minh attacks against any French posts in this sector.

The French yesterday launched an attack between the rivers Claire and Dai north-west of Hanoi. French losses were reported to be "severe" while Viet Minh losses could not be estimated.

In response to a telegraphic request made by the Orissa branch of the Red Cross Society, the Indian Red Cross Society, Delhi, has sanctioned Rs. 5,000 for the relief of sufferers in the Ratalai cholera epidemic.

BE HONEST, IMPROVE QUALITY OF GOODS

Mr. Sri Prakasa's Call To Business Community

ALLAHABAD, December 27. (PTI).

MR. SRI PRAKASA, Commerce Minister, Government of India called upon the business community today to be honest in their dealings and to improve the quality of indigenous goods.

Inaugurating the fourth session of the Indian Commerce Conference here, Mr. Sri Prakasa said that there was a tendency in this country to go blindly after goods of foreign make. If this tendency persisted it would be difficult to consolidate the hard-won freedom of the country.

The President Dr. Rajendra Prasad in a message to the conference said: "Commerce is the blood of a nation. If it is in the least corrupted or tainted or if its free flow is interrupted, the nation is bound to suffer an incalculable loss. This is specially true in the present context of conditions prevailing in India."

Wishing the conference success, Dr. Prasad hoped that the Indian Commerce Conference would highlight this truth and consider the ways and means through which the present malaise in the life of the country could be completely healed.

About one hundred delegates from different parts of the country are attending the conference. It was organised in 1947 to promote the investigation study and improvement of the commercial and economic conditions in India.

Describing the merchants and tra-

NO THREAT TO ASSAM FROM EAST TIBET

Chinese Troops Far Away From Border

SHILLONG, December 27. (UPI).

"ALL circumstances which have come to the notice of the Government lead to the conclusion that there is no justification for any apprehension that there is a threat to the borders of Assam from Communist troops now in Eastern Tibet", said an official spokesman of the North-East Frontier Administration today.

The North-East Frontier Agency is administered by the Central Government through the Governor of Assam, who has been in close touch with the highest civil and military authorities in Delhi with whose consultation and advice all necessary steps have been taken to protect the north-east border of Assam against any violation of India's territory.

The official spokesman said that those concerned in the Central Government were in touch, since July last with all developments occurring outside our north-east border. It became known several months ago that Communist China was planning to move into Tibet from three different directions.

MILES AWAY

The official spokesman pointed out that Assam was concerned only with the third movement of Chinese troops from Yunnan to Lhasa. The present position of this third line of move as it had been ascertained from various sources, was that the Chinese troops now in Eastern Tibet were stationed at four places—Chamdo, Menkong, Sanga chodong and Dayul Gompa. All these places were several days walk from India's border through rough mountainous terrain. Chamdo is about 200 miles from Kahao, India's border outpost in the north-east boundary beyond even Wanglung. Menkong is about 75 miles, Sanga Chodong is about 65 miles and Dayul Gompa is about 100 miles.

The Commander of the Chinese troops is reported to be a Menkong. It has been reported that there are probably not more than about 2,000 Chinese troops at these places. The Chinese are recruiting Tibetan soldiers into their own army after converting them to Communism.

The objective of this concentration of Chinese troops, it is stated, is to consolidate their position in Eastern Tibet to have a firm grip on that part.

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RICE GROWN WITHOUT WATERING

LONDON, Dec. 27 (PTI-REUTER): A Ukrainian collective farmer claims to have cultivated a new variety of rice which grows without watering, according to a Moscow Radio message.

The message said that the rice will be extensively tested in South Ukraine next year.

Irish Poet Dead

LONDON, Dec. 27. (PTI-REUTER): James Stephens, Irish poet and story teller died at his home here today. He was 88.

The author of "Crock of Gold" and other books steeped in Celtic legend, Stephens was a prominent figure in the Irish literary revival.

MADHUBALA GIVES RS. 5,001

Regal Show In Aid Of Crippled Kids.

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Society for the Rehabilitation of Crippled Children was richer by Rs. 60,000 today, thanks to the magnificent response by the Bombay public to the Star Spangled Variety Show organised by Mr. Sohrab Mody at the Regal Theatre tonight.

Among the noteworthy donations were Rs. 5,001 from the screen star Madhubala and Rs. 1,000 from singing idol of Bombay, Suraiya.

Mr. M. C. Chagla, Chief Justice, who presided, said that the future of the nation could be judged by the manner in which it took care of the children. "Every child who feels out of joint with the times is a blemish and blot on the country," he added.

The Chief Justice emphasised the need for psychological aid in the treatment of crippled children and said that the purpose of the training should be to make the child a "useful unit of society." He congratulated the Society for its good work which had grown into a "noble institution today" from "a small, almost impossible beginning."

He hoped that whereas today there was only one such centre in India, in a few years' time the map of the country would be dotted with many such centres.

Lady Rama Rao thanked the President, Mr. and Mrs. Sohrab Mody and the artists for their splendid help and co-operation.

The highlights of the Show were Group Dance "A scene from Khumsorat Bala", Baby Saroj's dance and historical pieces in which Sohrab Mody and others participated.

BRITISH SHIPS 'TO MOVE FOOD GRAINS TO INDIA

LONDON, Dec. 27 (UPI): British shipowners have been directed by the Government to make available as many ships as possible to move American grain to India. It is understood that, next to Korea, Indian ports will see the greatest concentration of chartered ships for the next few weeks.

The threat of a possible famine situation in India has suddenly brought realisation to British and American Governments that the economic stability of India is a primary need for the political stability of the whole of South-East Asia, according to informed quarters here.

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AMERICAN AID TO INDIA

Javits's Resolution

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. (PTI-REUTER): Representative Jacob Javits Republican New York has introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives proposing that the Congress express itself in favour of "assistance to the Republic of India and its people to help them meet the crisis of a drastic food shortage and the threat of famine in 1951."

TROUBLE IN CALCUTTA:

24 INJURED

CALCUTTA, Dec. 27. (PTI): Two police officers and ten constables were injured by missiles hurled at them by members of a crowd at Dhakuria, in the southern suburbs of Calcutta, this evening.

The police used lathis, and later tear-gas, to disperse the crowd which had assembled to erect huts on a plot of land in defiance of a prohibitory order under Section 144 Cr. P.C. Twelve of the crowd were injured.

Two persons have been arrested in connection with the incident.

Later, when the Sub-Divisional Officer of Alipore was proceeding to the spot for investigation, his car was held up and attacked by a group of people. The armed guard of the S. D. O. fired two rounds to disperse them. Two persons, including a woman, sustained gun shot injuries and were removed to hospital.

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INDIA'S BONDS WITH AUSTRALIA

'We Should Work Together For Peace,' Says Nehru

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (PTI).

PRIME MINISTER NEHRU, speaking at a State banquet held at Government House in honour of the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, last night expressed the hope that the outcome of the forthcoming Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in London would help in securing peace not only for this generation but also for succeeding generations.

Mr. Nehru described the Commonwealth as "that rather strange and odd collection of nations which seems to prosper most in adversity," and said there were many things in common between India and Australia and it was of some importance both to India and Australia that they should endeavour to work together and co-operate with the other countries round about them for the common good of all.

"Whether we agree or whether we differ in regard to various matters," said, "we look with friendship towards Australia and we seek the friendship of Australia."

Replying, Mr. Menzies said that in spite of what was on the surface there was in 99 per cent of ordinary men and women all over the world the desire for peace and harmony and for human progress. Pointing out that recently had India set out to practice for herself complete self-government, Mr. Menzies said: "You are a free nation in a great adventure. Everybody in Australia hopes that in that adventure you will not only succeed but by succeeding bring great strength to a family to which we are proud to belong."

DESIRE FOR PEACE

In the course of his speech, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru said: "We are members of the Commonwealth, that rather strange and odd collection of nations which seem to prosper most in adversity. It is an odd collection and somehow it has found a way of living together. The fact that practically there is no link and by giving complete independence and freedom to every part of it. That is unique, for it does teach us many lessons, in the sense that we get on best together when we really understand and freedom and in comradeship and we know that there is going to be no pressure or compulsion exercised upon us."

And so, this Commonwealth has grown and changed repeatedly and while member nations of this Commonwealth sometimes disagree, sometimes have interests conflicting with each other, sometimes pull in different directions, nevertheless, the fact remains that they meet as friends, try to understand each other, try to accommodate each other and try, as far as possible, to find a common way of working. It may not always happen, but it really is important, in fact, a friendly approach in this, as in every other problem of life or every problem of international affairs."

FRIENDLY APPROACH

That friendly approach, that sympathetic approach, that attempt to understand, that attempt to live as one can, to go in step, and at the same time, enjoy the complete knowledge that one can take any step, a combination of these two factors has led, I suppose, to the success of this rather remarkable experiment."

There is a lot of talk of peace and there are plenty of people who pay service, or if you like, lip-service to that idea, till the very word itself becomes somewhat debased and one does not know what it means. Nevertheless, there is something called peace, which we all know, and there is such thing as a peaceful approach to a problem. But a talk of peace in the warlike way is not peace. Therefore, every individual in every country seeks that the approach to it must be for a tolerant and accommodating one. I am quite sure you, Sir, are going as a messenger of peace, in search of peace also. I share in that humility, also, to do that and I hope that whatever the outcome there might be in this conference, it will help in this vital problem of securing peace for our generation and not only that, but for the succeeding generations."

"You have come, Sir, from a country which might be called a new country. I belong to a country and to a people which have their roots in the immemorial past, going back to the origin of history, and yet in another way we are rather new and very new. Generally we are a mixture of the old and new and sometimes these mixtures produce certain complications. We have to face that."

EXCITING BURDEN

"It is a burden but it is an exciting burden, and in the attempt to face that burden there is not only excitement but a certain joy also in having to face difficult problems. There is not very much in common outwardly between India and Australia; but, of course, there are tremendous problems we have in common, not only the fact of our being of the Commonwealth that we meet together and discuss common problems but really there is another fact which must necessarily bring us together closely. And that is a fact that Australia derives its inspiration from the past and the present from Europe in the west but finds today inevitably that geography and other things point towards Asia."

Replying to the toast, Mr. Menzies asked the guests to drink to the President and people of India and said, "perhaps the most stimulating experience that I have had is in meeting some of the leaders of this great country."

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law, a tradition of the equality of people before the law, which is, in essence, the tradition of Australia, the tradition of Great Britain and the tradition of a score of countries we might name in this world."

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EVERY INDIAN'S DUTY

"India has set out, with all her ancient history and her great traditions, only recently to practice for herself complete self-government and I do not need to say to your distinguished Prime Minister that the business of self-government is just about the most difficult thing in the world. Because it requires from so high a percentage of the people a capacity for self-government and aptitude for it. Nobody who has had as long an experience as I have had in this business of self-government can fail to have a great understanding and sympathy with the tasks that you have undertaken. I just want to say that this—from the point of view of self-government—a new country, has been greatly blessed by the intellectual standard and the high character of its leaders, but I should like to be able to say—if they were not an impediment—to every citizen of India—and you count them like the sands on the beach—that the high character of the business of self-government to one man or ten men or to a hundred or five hundred men. We must all, in a democracy, make it our business to realise that their tasks can be performed only when we all have—or a great majority of us have—the sense of individual responsibility for their performance. I would like to say on behalf of Australia that we all are all your warm good-wishers in the future."

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Advice To Motorists

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Many drivers, in their hurry to reach their destinations, are in the habit of overtaking vehicles proceeding in the same direction by travelling on the wrong side of the road, thereby compelling vehicles proceeding in the opposite direction to swerve to the extreme left of their portion of the road, thus endangering collisions with these vehicles and also forcing such vehicles on the pavements, with the result that pedestrians are sometimes knocked down.

Under regulation 4 of the 10th schedule of the Indian Motor Vehicles Act, the driver of a motor vehicle shall not pass a vehicle travelling in the same direction as himself if his passing is likely to cause inconvenience or danger to other traffic proceeding in any direction, or where a corner or a bend in the road may obstruct the view of the road ahead not clearly visible.

Motorists are, therefore, advised in their own interests and requested to co-operate with the Police by refraining from driving in a dangerous manner and thus help to improve the present standard of driving in Bombay.

RAID ON AHMEDABAD CLOTH MARKET

Several Dealers Put Under Arrest

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 27. Great sensation prevailed in Ahmedabad when the local cloth bazar was raided by the Enforcement Branch for alleged black marketing in cloth. Several cloth dealers at Maskati and Panchikva markets were arrested.

A daring dacoity is reported to have taken place near Mehana where a passenger bus was looted by a gang at the point of bayonette. Passengers, except Muslims and Harijans, were relieved of their cash and gold ornaments by the miscreants who then made good their escape.

Alleged Theft Of Rolled Gold Spectacle Frames

BOMBAY, Wednesday. Govind Mahadev and Pandurang Mahadev Kadan were arrested by the Yellow Gate Police last week end for alleged theft of rolled gold spectacle frames.

Producing the accused at the Balbharati Court, this morning, the police stated that the accused stole the articles from Shed No. 3 and 4, Victoria Dock. The value of the frames was placed at Rs. 3,500. The accused were ordered to be remanded to custody by Mr. A. A. Shellim, Presidency Magistrate.

Four persons were arrested in Surat on Wednesday in a case of alleged smuggling of rice into the city. Police seized 150 maunds of rice from a transport lorry in this connection.

Three cloth merchants and two shop assistants were arrested in Ahmedabad Tuesday night on charge of alleged blackmarketing.

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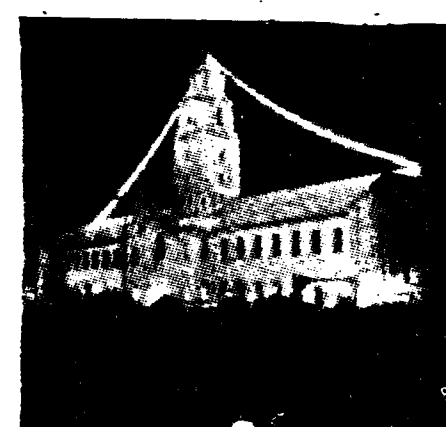
Indian Science Congress

BRIGHT FUTURE FOR RESEARCH

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

FOR the first time in the annals of the history of the Science Congress, it has accepted the invitation of a non-university body—The Indian Institute of Science—to hold its 38th Session in Bangalore. Bangalore had the honour once before in 1946.

THE VENUE



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The ensuing session is of manifold significance. Five decades ago, it was practically unknown except for periodical attempts here and there. "This great lack of scientific intercourse" in India led some leading scientists to think of holding an annual conference of scientists for exchange of ideas on the lines of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Mr. M. F. McMoham, professor of chemistry at Canning College, Lucknow, and Mr. J. L. Simon, Professor of chemistry, Presidency College, Madras, were among those who took a leading part in this direction.

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In November, 1912 a committee of the foremost men of science arranged a conference in the room of the Asiatic Society of Bengal. The conference asked the Society, by a resolution, "to undertake the management of a Science Congress annually in Calcutta."

Accordingly, the first Indian Science Congress met in the room of the Asiatic Society on January 15, 16 and 17, 1914. His Excellency Lord Carmichael, the then Governor of Bengal became the Patron and Sir Asutosh Mookerjee, The Marathi Varanasi Mandal, Hooper as Secretary.

Thus began the Indian Science Congress and during the last 38 years of its life, it has grown into a most important and representative scientific organisation and has contributed a lot for the advancement of scientific research in India.

It is in this context that holding of the annual session of the Science Congress on the invitation of the Indian Institute of Science has assumed added significance.

THE INSTITUTE

With a 160-foot imposing tower on an area of 300 acres of land in a delightful topographical situation are spread the laboratories, workshops, and administrative offices of the Indian Institute of Science. Fifty yards from the main entrance is a beautiful monument in bronze and marble of the founder Mr. Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata.

The establishment of the Indian Institute of Science at Bangalore in 1909, five years before the birth of the Indian Science Congress, delivered the student from the tyranny of books, examinations and lectures.

Lord Curzon, the then Viceroy of India and Sir K. Seshadri Iyer, the then Dewan of Mysore, two great administrators, supported the scheme of the late Mr. J. N. Tata with an endowment of property worth two hundred thousand pounds for starting a research institute. With the gift of 372 acres of land given by the Mysore Government, his two worthy sons Sir Dorab and Ratan Tata fulfilled their father's cherished ambition.

During its life of 41 years, the Indian Institute of Science has lived to serve the objective of the institute, namely: "fostering of investigations especially in those branches of science as would enable help being extended to industries by providing them with the results of researches they needed."

It is thus seen that the two organisations started almost at the same time—save for a difference of five years—have been serving the same objective of advancement and development of scientific research in the country.

After the advent of freedom, the Government of India have sponsored a scheme of establishing a chain of research laboratories in the country with a view to giving the Government, this happy union of two eminent, scientific research bodies augurs well for a bright future for the advancement of scientific research in India today.

The annual general meeting of the National Institute of Science of India will be held in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore on January 1.

Kalbadevi P. O. To Work Longer Hours

BOMBAY, Wednesday. In addition to the Bombay G.P.O. and Dadar Post Office, a third post office, namely, Kalbadevi P.O. in Bombay, has been selected for prolongation of working hours. This post office has been providing the following facilities from December 18, 1950: 7-30 a.m. to 8-30 p.m.

Usual business at the counter except that Money Order and Savings Bank transactions will start at 8 a.m. and stop at 3 p.m. Telegraphic Money Order will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 8-30 p.m. and insured articles will be booked up to 4-30 p.m.

SUNDAYS:—As on week days, except there will be no S. B. transactions.

The revised arrangements do not affect the telegraph working hours of the office.

Articles posted in the letter boxes provided at this office will not require late fee charges, either on week days or Sundays, except in the case of articles for despatch by a particular mail when handed in over the counter, in the time stipulated in respect of each despatch.

CONDITIONS IN GOA GETTING WORSE

People Not Allowed To Exercise Civic Rights

(From Our Correspondent.)

Conditions in Goa are worsening day by day and the minimum civic rights of the citizens are not allowed to be exercised, according to two eyewitnesses from Karwar who had been to Goa recently on a cultural mission.

Following Sardar Vallabhbhai's death, no shop or school in Goa was allowed to be closed by the Government, as a mark of respect, and to see that the order was implemented by the public, armed military men patrolled the streets all the time, it is stated.

No Marathi newspaper published in India is obtained there. Worse still, anything printed in Marathi is looked upon with suspicion. Goa is held to be "Asiatic Portugal" and thus a part of Portugal. Every one getting into Goa is looked upon with suspicion and the slightest indiscretion on the part of Indian foreigners might land them in prison or if they are lucky enough, they might be exterminated. Added to the above are the various restrictions on the movement of people and the slightest indiscretion on the part of Indian foreigners might land them in prison or if they are lucky enough, they might be exterminated. Added to the above are the various restrictions on the movement of people and the slightest indiscretion on the part of Indian foreigners might land them in prison or if they are lucky enough, they might be exterminated.

Two motor-launches of the Prohibition Department have reached Karwar from Bombay. There will be patrolling the sea-coast all along the Karwar District and attempt to prevent smuggling of illicit liquor from Goa by sea into the coastal areas.

LIBERALISE LIQUOR PERMIT RULES

Hoteliers' Memorandum To Chief Minister

BOMBAY, Wednesday. An earnest appeal to liberalise certain rules pertaining to liquor permit-holders was made to the Government of Bombay, today, by a deputation of nine representatives of the Bombay Hotels and Restaurant Owners' Association, which waited upon Mr. G. B. Kher, Chief Minister, Government of Bombay at the Civil Secretariat.

The deputation which was led by Mr. A. P. Sabawala, Managing Director of the Taj Mahal Hotel and President of the Association, presented a six-point memorandum to the Chief Minister detailing suggestions to remedy difficulties experienced by the hoteliers' trade on account of the existing restrictions on liquor permit-holders.

Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister for Excise, and Mr. D. S. Bakhale, Revenue Secretary to the Government of Bombay were present during the discussions which lasted for more than half an hour.

CONCESSIONS WANTED

The concessions asked for by the deputationists were that liberalisation of rules concerning permit-holders on the following lines would greatly assist the hotel business which was now in the doldrums.

It was urged that all permit-holders, irrespective of nationality, should be allowed to drink on any licensed premises.

It was also urged that all permit-holders from the Defence Services must also be allowed to drink on licensed premises along with civilians. The memorandum further wanted that the maximum quantum of four units should be granted to all permit-holders.

Finally, the deputation asked Government to permit licensees who are engaged in the liquor business to do business outside the State in areas where there was no prohibition.

PATIENT HEARING

Mr. Kher, who was approached by reporters after the deputationists came out said that he listened to their grievances carefully and patiently and told them that the Excise Minister and the Excise Commissioner who was not present today, as he was on tour, would consider the memorandum and later place the matter before him. He would then be able to give them Government's decision.

There was no discussion with regard to Government's Prohibition policy, said Mr. Kher.

DEMISE OF SETH MAVJI GOVINDJI

Great Social Life Office Closed

BOMBAY, Wednesday: "Owing to the sad demise of Seth Mavji Govindji one of the Directors, the office of the Great Social Life and General Assurance Ltd., Sir P. M. Road, Bombay, was closed this afternoon. A meeting was held in the office premises and a condolence resolution passed. Seth Bhupatray Ojha, Managing Director, presided.

Ceylon Prime Minister Passes Through Bombay

BOMBAY, Wednesday: Mr. Don Stephen Senanayake, Ceylon's Prime Minister who passed through Bombay on his way to London to attend the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference, said that the conference would "undoubtedly discuss the defence of South-east Asia." China's "entry into the Korean war" would also figure in the talks. Mr. Senanayake added.

The Ceylon Prime Minister was accompanied by Mr. K. Vaithianathan, the Defence Secretary.

CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

Hindu: Magsar Vad 4, 2007
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 18, 1370
Parsi: Tir 27, 1320
Sunrise 7-10 a.m., Sunset 6-10 p.m.
Hightide 02-30, 14-17 Lowtide 08-40, 20-05.

Today's Engagements

IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Adjourned meeting, 3 p.m.

P.E.N.: Principal V. K. Gokak will speak on "The Artist in Independent India." Town Hall, 6 p.m. Mr. Masti Venkatesa Iyengar will preside.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: Musical soiree at Cama Oriental Institute, 5-30 p.m.

AUTOMOBILE EMPLOYEES' UNION: General body meeting of workers of United Motors India Ltd. at Vithal Sadan, Congress House 6-45 p.m.

YOUTH'S OWN UNION: Fraternisation: Musical programme, Cama Library Hall 6-15 p.m.

SARASWATI HIGH SCHOOL: School Art and Crafts Exhibition by Mr. K. H. Kabur at premises of school near Ambewadi Post Office, Girgaum Road, 12-30 p.m.

SHREE RAMANA SATCHIDANANDA SAMAJ: Ramana Jayanti: Hari-Bhajan by Asthika Samaj Bajaj Mandal at 8-30 p.m. at Bhuta Niwas, King's Circle, 8-30 p.m.

INTENSE COLD IN RAJASTHAN

All-India Weather

POONA, Dec. 27, (PTI): The following is the daily all-India weather summary for Wednesday, December 27:

Thundershowers have been widespread in West Madhya Pradesh and Vindhya Pradesh and have occurred at a few places in northeast Assam, Bihar, north Deccan (Desh) and south 'Amindia'.

Night temperatures were 1 to 14 degrees F. below normal in north-west India west Uttar Pradesh, north Gujarat Saurashtra and Kutch.

Temperatures below freezing point were recorded at a number of stations in north Rajasthan, Bikaner reporting 27 degrees F.

Thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Vindhya Pradesh and will occur locally in north Madhya Pradesh, east Uttar Pradesh and Punjab (D). A few thundershowers may also occur in Bihar, south Madhya Pradesh, Madhya Bharat and south Tamilnad.

Night temperatures may rise in Punjab (D) and west Uttar Pradesh. Elsewhere no appreciable change in night temperatures is expected.

The following is the daily weather chart:—

	Tem.	Rainfall
	Mx. Mn.	
Ahmedabad	75 46	0 0
Aligarh	85 57	0 1.6 -1.9
Allahabad	70 58	0 0.8 -2.2
Bangalore	80 61	0 14.2 +5.3
Baroda	78 51	0 0 -2.6
Belgaum	84 58	0 8.4 +1.8
BOMBAY	79 55	0 1.4 -1.7
Calcutta	82 61	0 15.8 +10.3
Cuttack	84 60	0 11.3 +4.1
Delhi	67 37	0 -0.9
Gwalior	64 45	0 1.1 -
Hyderabad (Dn.)	83 63	0 2.1 -1.8
Indore	63 55	0 0.1 -1.9
Jaipur	67 36	0 0 -0.9
Lucknow	72 53	0 2.0 +0.2
Madras	84 68	0 11.8 -19.2
Mahabaleshwar	75 55	0 8.8 +0.6
Mysore	82 63	0 7.5 -1.5
Nagpur	84 59	0 0.5 -2.9
Patna	77 62	0 0 -2.8
Poona	87 55	0 2.8 -1.9
Shillong	65 -	- - -
Sholapur	87 64	0 3.0 +1.8
Simla	43 34	0 0.7 -2.1
Surat	86 54	0 0 -1.9
Trivandrum	87 72	0 14.7 -5.3

DEADLOCK IN CITY HOTEL WORKERS' DISPUTE

Move For Adjudication Fails

BOMBAY, Wednesday. There is a complete state of deadlock in the Hotel workers' strike, which continued for the third day.

While the Hotel Kamgar Union has expressed its willingness to have the issue settled by negotiation or adjudication, the hotel proprietors have refused to deal with the Union.

While Mr. Manekshaw, the Honorary Secretary of Hotels and Restaurants Association has categorically stated that he saw no reason for referring the dispute to adjudication, Mr. M. Jaffer, President of the Union said today that he was prepared to call off the strike if the matter went before the Industrial Tribunal.

There appeared to be no dislocation in the normal functioning of the hotels. According to Mr. Shaw, clients in all the affected hotels had not made any complaints about the service.

In the Taj Mahal Hotel, which has a working strength of 750, over 450 substitute hands were carrying on normal work. So was the case in most of the other hotels.

Mr. Jaffer said that he would call off the strike "at once" if the management agreed to adjudication. He was prepared to submit the membership list of the Union and abide by the verdict of any impartial person or any authority appointed by the Government of Bombay.

It is wrong and inconsistent to say that the strike is not total. It is also clear that recruiting

RUSSIA USES SCIENCE FOR NATION'S PROGRESS

Iron Curtain Is A Myth, Says D. N. Pritt

BOMBAY, Wednesday. Mr. D. N. PRITT the well-known British jurist and writer on international affairs, told the Progressive Group meeting at Green's Hotel today that there was no truth whatever in the wild stories of Iron Curtain spread by Capitalist-dominated press in Britain and the United States.

Mr. Pritt said that Soviet citizens enjoyed greater measure of freedom in Russia than in the United States. In fact, he said, thought was more regulated and stilted in the so-called democracies than in the new Democracies led by the Soviet Union. He dealt with several such "myths" created in the Capitalist countries about the Soviet Union and said that the very term Iron Curtain was a misnomer invented by the fertile brain of enemies of the Soviet Union.

Mr. Pritt described how the scientific research was advancing the prosperity of the people in the land of socialism and now the same research in the Capitalist countries was being applied to invention to instruments of destruction. In Soviet Union, he declared, atomic energy was being utilised for peaceful development of industries, while in the United States, they were feverishly preparing for unleashing of a world war by large-scale use of atom bombs.

PRESS IN U.S.S.R.

Mr. Pritt also said that there was no truth in the allegations that newspapers in the Soviet Union gave only a garbled and one-sided version of happenings in the world. He said that a careful perusal of newspapers in Moscow during the early days of Korean campaign convinced him that a fair and impartial version was given in all Moscow papers. Moreover, in course of the last 25 years the Soviet Government had totally abolished illiteracy in the land of socialism and the people were sufficiently well-informed to judge for themselves the world events.

Mr. Pritt appealed to the people of the biggest Asiatic nation in the world not to be led by these fantastic stories spread by capitalists of the world about the Soviet Union and said that they would know the truth about the Soviet Union sooner or later when the camp of war-mongers was in retreat before the progressive forces of the world.

BUILD UP STRONG CHARACTER

S.K. Patil's Advice To Children

BOMBAY, Wednesday. Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, advised children to build up a strong character, and stressed the need for great discipline among them, when he addressed the children of the Bombay Municipal Primary Schools at a mass rally held at Gilder Tank Maidan this morning.

The Mayor said that greater responsibility rested on the shoulders of today's generation in the development of the country and its prestige. This they could do only if their character was strong.

The rally was attended by over 2,500 children from local Municipal Schools, who performed a mass drill display.

Bombay Charged Expenditure Act

BOMBAY, Wednesday. The Bombay Charged Expenditure Act, 1950, has been published in the Bombay Government Gazette of December 23, for general information, after it had received the assent of the Governor. The Act provides for charging certain expenditure incurred by the State Government on the Consolidated Fund of the State.

Alleged Attempt At Stealing

BOMBAY, Wednesday: Najmuddin and five others who are alleged to have attempted to steal hardware goods and mechanical implements from a godown were arrested by the Nagpada police yesterday. The police stated at the Muzgaon Court today that property which was valued at Rs. 8,600 had not been recovered.

The accused were remanded into custody.

By-Election To Bombay Legislative Council

BOMBAY, Wednesday. A bye-election to the Bombay Legislative Council from the Broach and Panchmahals-cum-Surat General constituency has been ordered by the Governor. The last date for the nomination of candidates for the bye-election is January 5, 1951, the scrutiny of nominations taking place the same day. Polling will commence on February 6 and votes counted on February 12. The vacancy was caused by the death of Shri Randhir P. Desai.

Foodgrains Sampled

BOMBAY, Wednesday. The rationing department had, during the month of November, obtained samples of the grains from various ration shops in order to see that rationed foodgrains issued from the ration shops to the cardholders in the Bombay rationed area are of the standard quality as issued from Government Godowns.

115 check samples obtained from 490 ration shops were examined by the Food Controller and it was found that the grains issued were of normal standard quality.

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In the autumn the Himalayan marmot (an animal about the size of a rabbit) goes to sleep and does not wake up till the spring when he comes out of his hole, thin and hungry, to look for food which begins to grow once again. By sleeping the marmot and other hibernating animals use the very minimum of energy and so need no food during that time. Hibernation is one of nature's wonders and shows the close relation between movement and energy. As far as the human body too, is concerned, every time we make a movement we spend energy. The principal food which supplies and builds up energy is fat. But this does not mean that fat is more important than the other food elements, viz., proteins, carbo-hydrates, vitamins and minerals, each of which has a separate function to perform. They are all as essential as fat. The consumption of fat in India works out at an average of 4 oz. per head per day against 2 ozs. necessary for normal health and strength.

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PHARMACEUTICAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Nandi To Preside Over Anti-Anaemia Symposium

BOMBAY, Wednesday. Along with the Indian Science Congress session to be held on January 1, at Bangalore, the Indian Pharmaceutical Conference will also be held. The symposium on Anti-Anaemia Factors will be presided over by the well known Scientist of Bombay, Dr. E. K. Nandi, who is one of the leading Councilors of the Greater Bombay Municipal Corporation.

In this Conference ways and means to fight Anaemia will be devised under the guidance of Dr. Nandi.

'EXPERT MECHANIC' ARRESTED

BOMBAY, Wednesday. Alleged to have collected Rs. 20,000 worth of radios, radiograms and fountainpens from different persons who wanted the things to be repaired and later sold them at cheap prices in the market, Babu 'alias' Babulal Pandya 'alias' Huseini Abadin Bata, was arrested by the police yesterday and ordered to be enlarged on bail at the Esplanade Court today.

The man is learnt to have collected all the stuff, fraudulently representing that he was an expert mechanic. The police stated that they have so far got 14 complaints of cheating against him.

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TRADE BOYCOTT OF NEW CHINA

Reported U. S. Move

WASHINGTON, December 27. (PTI-Reuters). The United States was today reported to be studying a proposal for "a free world economic boycott of Communist China" as a possible next step in dealing with the Korean crisis.

Following Peking's rejection of the United Nations appeal for a cease-fire, responsible administration officials forecast that the United States would have definite "suggestions" possibly next week for action by the United Nations General Assembly.

Indications from responsible authorities were that she was considering (1) revival of the proposal vetoed by the Soviet Union to brand Communist China as an aggressor, and (2) an effort to get other nations to join the American trade embargo against the mainland of China.

Peking turned down the case-free request on Friday. The three-member Commission which appealed for a truce is to report its failure to the Political Committee by this week-end, possibly after another appeal.

NEW U. S. PLAN?
The United States Government stood aside while the Asian members of the United Nations took the lead in this effort to halt the fighting. Diplomats now expect a vigorous American policy based on the premise that a majority of United Nations members will be in a mood for strong action short of being involved in a bigger-scale war in Asia.

The United States Government intends to stick firmly to its opposition to the seating of Communist China in the United Nations "as long as Peking continues openly defiant," it was reported.

The Government was said to believe that a trade boycott of China probably would not inflict fatal damage on the Communist regime, but it should "at the least have substantial moral effect."

REPUBLIC DAY IN CITY

No Pomp This Year

BOMBAY, Wednesday. Republic Day, this year will be celebrated with due solemnity but without the pomp and splendour that was witnessed last year when India became a Democratic Sovereign Republic. The shedding of that part of the programme which involves gaiety is as a mark of respect to the memory of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

A comprehensive programme to be observed on the Republic Day was drawn up at the Government Secretariat this morning, at a meeting presided over by Mr. B. G. Kher, Chief Minister, Government of Bombay and attended by Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, and President B.P.C.C., Major-General Brar, Area Commander Bombay, Mr. M. D. Bhat, Chief Secretary, Government of Bombay and Mr. M. N. Chudasama, Commissioner of Police, Bombay.

NO STATE BANQUET
There will be no State banquets and no illumination to celebrate the occasion.

The following programme was finalised for observance:

All flag hoisting ceremonies will be held at 8 a.m. simultaneously. There will be a parade of the Defence Forces at the Brabourne Stadium at 9-30 a.m., which will be followed by a March Past.

The Governor will be "At Home" to members of the Diplomatic Corps and distinguished citizens later in the day.

The programme will terminate with a public meeting at Chowpatty at 6-30 in the evening.

Boy Knocked Down

BOMBAY, Wednesday. Sakhyaya Gopal, aged five, was knocked down by a speeding lorry at Argyle Road this evening. He died on the spot. It is stated that the accident occurred while the boy was trying to cross the road.

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COMMERCIAL ADVISERS MEET
LONDON, Dec. 27. (PTI-Reuters). Commercial advisers and advisers from Indian embassies in Western Europe met in London today.

Under instructions from the Ministry of Commerce in New Delhi they are holding a three day conference to discuss matters of common interest. The Indian Ministry of Commerce was also represented.

DEVELOP ATOMIC WEAPONS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. (PTI). General J. Lawton Collins, the United States Army Chief of Staff, said in an article today that the war experience in Korea must not deter the United States from developing the use of atomic weapons by army troops.

Time For Advanced Economy

DAS GUPTA CALLS FOR CLEAR OBJECTIVE

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 27. (UPI). Professor B. N. Das Gupta, Head of the Department of Commerce, Lucknow University declared today that time was opportune for a change over to advanced economy if India was to make full use of its latent forces. He called for a clear economic objective.

Prof. Das Gupta, was presiding over the fourth session of the Indian Commerce Conference at Allahabad University, added: "forces that are working against this change should be boldly set aside by the Government of the day for otherwise it will be held responsible for holding back progress to which humanity has a right to expect and demand. The reactionary forces of the world are pretty well united and the very thought of a suggestion of a change of economy has been and is being dragged to the bull—the prospect has released all kinds of sinister motives including a war. Our Government is strongly against it but the internal forces can only be mobilised if the direction of the coming economy is correctly shown and steadily pursued. The common man in the new atmosphere will discover himself and make it a success."

The condition of the middle classes, Prof. Das Gupta observed, had been completely thrown out of gear and they were dragging on their miserable existence. He was convinced that if the rising prices were brought down to a reasonable point, much relief would be obtained for all classes of people. He pleaded for the elimination of controls which would help the people in restoring normalcy to the hour. It would, therefore, he said, be our endeavour to see that the price level was tackled scientifically.

TIBET

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of the country and then proceed further to Lhasa. They have been doing propaganda by distributing leaflets in the area under their military influence to win over the people of East Tibet.

The principal Tibetan place near the Indian border Rima, whose Tibetan officials have left Rima "have themselves been falling into the hands of the Chinese."

The leaflets, the spokesman said, explain to Tibetans that the Chinese are entering Tibet to liberate the Tibetans from American and British influence and to give them their own customs, religions and practices will be respected. There is nothing to show that the Chinese troops are intended for an attack on India or are making a deliberate encroachment inside India's border, though practically the whole of Eastern Tibet upto India's border beyond Kahao is under the control of Chinese authorities.

The Government of India have taken all precautions to guard the main paths into Indian border from the north-east and necessary steps to this end have already been taken. Crossing in or crossing out of the border is under strictest control. There has been no change in the attitude of tribal population towards the Indian Government and maximum possible co-operation is being received from them in implementing the steps that are being taken by Government for maintaining the integrity of India's border, said the official spokesman.

TWO WIRELESS MEN
KALIMPONG: It is now definitely known that two wireless operators have been finally appointed for Tibet and they have been advised to reach Yatung by December 31 next. One is Mr. Pradyot Kumar Bhattacharjee from Calcutta and the other Mr. Chaudhary from Lushai Hills (Assam), an ex-serviceman.

They will install new wireless stations, first probably at Yatung, with the wireless sets obtained sometime back from America through Lhasa's Chief Wireless Officer, Mr. Reginald Fox. Tibet requires, it is stated here, about sixty-eight operators for different wireless stations and some more candidates will be interviewed and tested at Gangtok on December 29.

HOUSES IN DEMAND
News received here confirm the earlier reports that advance units of the Chinese Communist forces have reached Rima, on Indo-Tibet north-eastern frontier.

Tibetans have again started coming to Kalimpong from Lhasa. Some families have already arrived at Gangtok and some are on their way between Lhasa and Kalimpong. Houses here have been in demand and very big houses are needed suggesting more respectable status of the immigrants. Tibetan agents here are not inclined to disclose the name of the persons for whom the houses are required till the party reaches here, writes the special correspondent of the UPI.

Dalai Lama's reported departure from Lhasa fits in with this exodus of high-ranking Tibetans who would not leave Lhasa without their Dalai.

Indian Press Delegation Visits Pyramids

CAIRO, Dec. 26. (PTI-Reuters). The Indian Press Delegation now visiting Egypt inspected the Sphinx and the pyramids and had lunch at the zoo in its first sightseeing tour of Cairo today.

The Delegation is in Egypt for a fortnight at the invitation of the Foreign Affairs Ministry to return an Egyptian press delegation's visit to India last year.

The Indian journalists who include Mrs. Violet Alva, Editor of "Forum" were welcomed by the acting Foreign Minister Ibrahim Farrag Messiha Bey. He spoke of the problems of the Middle East particularly Egypt's.

Farrag Bey said he wanted the journalists to tour the country extensively and meet its people.

NEPAL TALKS MAY PROLONG

No Indication Of Reactions

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27. (PTI): No indication was available tonight about the reactions of the Government of India to the proposals of the Nepal Government for introducing reforms in Nepal but, according to informed sources the negotiations "may take some time."

The Nepal Government's proposals were brought to Delhi by the Nepal Foreign Minister, Gen. B. J. P. on Monday last and were conveyed to Government of India yesterday.

As the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, had told parliament last week, the Government of India want the Nepal Government to convene a constituent assembly elected on adult franchise to decide the future set-up of Nepal. They also desire that in the meantime an interim government with popular representatives should be set up.

Informed sources, in the capital tonight indicated that while the Government of India might be willing to accept the proposals, they could not, and would not, be a party to proposals which would not substantially meet popular wishes.

PREPARATIONS FOR NEPAL SATYAGRAHA

Sri Regmi's Call For Peaceful Risings

LUCKNOW, Dec. 27. (UPI). Sri D. R. Regmi, President of the Nepali National Congress, in a statement today announced that the proposed mass civil disobedience movement will be launched from the 14th January 1951, when the Working Committee of the Nepali National Congress will enter Nepalese territory from Raxaul.

He has already sent instructions to the branches of the N.N.C. throughout the length and breadth of Nepal to carry out the programme as chalked out by the Working Committee at its last meeting, according to local facilities, in time suitable to them.

In an appeal to the people of Nepal, he observed: "I am proud of my comrades in Kathmandu who have dared to break the law on meetings imposed by the Rana Government. The recent demonstrations have encouraged me in my course of actions and I take them as my people's appreciation of the views and method of the Nepali National Congress. I hope that there will be spontaneous and peaceful risings of the people against the Rana regime."

MORE TALKS
NEW DELHI: The Nepalese Foreign Minister, General B. J. P. has, he further talks with Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, Secretary-General to the External Affairs Ministry this evening on the question of proposed constitutional reforms in Nepal. The talks lasted nearly an hour.

Rulers Donate For Assam Relief

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The Union of Rulers has given a donation of Rs. 10,000 to the Assam Relief Fund through the Hindi Parishad of the local Elphinstone College.

Announcing this the Maharaja of Baroda, President of the Union, who presided over a variety show organised tonight by the Parishad in aid of the fund, said that the performance showed that young students were "actively alive to the new responsibilities which have come in the wake of freedom."

They had given "a practical demonstration of this new sense of responsibility," he added.

INDIA'S IMPORT: FOUR TIMES PRE-WAR

LONDON, Dec. 27. (PTI-Reuters). India's imports in 1949 were in the aggregate about four times the pre-war level. This was disclosed in a report of Commonwealth trade in 1949 issued here today by the Commonwealth Economic Committee.

The report described the main features of the Commonwealth trade in 1949 as inclusion of a further large increase in imports from Commonwealth sources into the United Kingdom as well as Europe, and the temporary contraction in the United States market in contrast with Canada whose imports from other Commonwealth countries were almost unchanged.

The statistics showed the extent of the market for Commonwealth products in colonial territories as well as in Australia and New Zealand and indicated that Commonwealth countries gained a much larger share of the South African market.

The exports in 1949 of India, Pakistan and Ceylon respectively were: 4,962 million rupees; 819 million rupees and 1,001 million rupees. The 1949 imports of India, Pakistan and Ceylon were 6,017 million rupees; 1,114 million rupees and 1,029 million rupees.

No Increase In Sugar Cane Prices

New DELHI, Dec. 27. (PTI): The Government of India, it is authoritatively learned have no intention of increasing existing minimum prices of sugar cane fixed by them for different areas.

"These prices will remain in force throughout the present crushing season."

Mysore Congressmen Meet

BANGALORE, Dec. 27. (PTI): A special meeting of the Mysore Legislative Congress Party discussed for seven hours today the recent political developments in the state and the no-confidence motion against the present leadership. No decision was arrived at and the meeting was postponed till tomorrow afternoon.

CONGRESS TO ATTEND MORE TO LABOUR

Active Help To INTUC: Circular From A. I. C. C.

THE grave economic problems of the present day have increased the responsibility of the Congress organisation for the welfare of labour and it becomes the duty of Congressmen to participate more actively in the programme of improving the condition of Indian labour—both industrial and agricultural, says Shri Mohanlal Gautam, General Secretary of the Congress in a circular letter to all the Pradesh Congress Committees.

The Pradesh Congress Committees have been directed by the General Secretary "to give their full and active co-operation to the Indian National Trade Union Congress." He has also asked them "to set up a Labour Sub-Committee where there is not one already, to give guidance to individual Congressmen in their work on the labour front."

TRADE UNIONISM
Shri Gautam says: "The Indian National Congress has always defended the rights of the working class and has opposed their exploitation in every shape and form. The growth of trade unionism in this country owes much to the active sympathy and support of the Congress organisation in general and the guidance of certain individual Congressmen in particular."

"It is a matter of great satisfaction that Congressmen, as a rule, have shown a unique sense of discipline in following the advice of the Working Committee from time to time on matters relating to labour. Being a political party, the Congress does not undertake day-to-day trade union work. It has, however, directed all Congressmen who are doing labour welfare work through the Hindusthan Mazdoor Sevak Sangh to help the Indian National Trade Union Congress (I.N.T.U.C.) whose objective and policy are generally in consonance with the labour policy of our party."

I. N. T. U. C. SESSION
"I was present, by special invitation, at the third annual session of the Indian National Trade Union Congress which was held at Jamshedpur in the last week of October 1950. I was deeply impressed by the phenomenal progress that this organisation has made in a brief period of three and half years since its formation. It has spread throughout the length and breadth of the country and as a result of its constructive and realistic approach, both in the economic and trade union fields, it has captured the imagination of the working class of this country and has established itself as a defender of its rights and privileges. Today its membership is over a million and it is stated that the numerical strength of this organisation is much higher than all the other Trade Union organisations put together."

CONGRESS POLICY
"In January 1949, the question of the policy of the Congress vis-à-vis labour organisations was discussed by the Congress Working Committee. It came to the conclusion that all Congressmen working in the trade union field should carry on their activities under the guidance and according to the policy of the Hindusthan Mazdoor Sevak Sangh, which is a specialised body of trade union workers pledged to the Congress programme and ideology. Finding that amongst the existing trade union organisations, the I.N.T.U.C. alone holds fast to the ideal and methods of the Congress, the Sangh has lent its wholehearted support to it and directed all its members to work under its (I.N.T.U.C.) banner."

"In order, therefore, to help build up a genuine and united labour movement in the country, all Congress Committees should give their full and active co-operation to the I.N.T.U.C. The State Congress Committees should set up a Labour Sub-Committee where there is not one already, to give guidance to individual Congressmen in their work on the labour front, who, in their turn, should strive for the popularisation of Congress ideology and programme among the workers in factories and farms."

"I am confident that with your co-operation we would be able to build up a strong and united labour movement in India which would devote itself entirely to the service of the toiling masses."

POSTAL HOLIDAYS
NEW DELHI, Dec. 27. (UPI): The following days, says a press note issued by the Director General, Posts and Telegraphs, New Delhi, will be observed as post office holidays in all circles during the year 1951 in addition to Sundays:
New Holiday—1st January 1951, Republic Day—26th January, Shivaratri—6th March, Good Friday—23rd March, Id-ul-Fitr—7th July, Independence Day—15th August, Janamashtmi—24th August, Id-Jul-Zul—13th September, Mahatma Gandhi's birthday—2nd October, Dussehra—10th October, Muharram—12th October, Diwali—30th October, Gauri Navami—13th November, Christmas Day—25th December.

In the Bombay circle Ganesh Chaturthi will be observed as post office holiday on September 5, 1951, in lieu of Shivaratri.

The dates of Muslim holidays are subject to alteration according to the visibility of the moon.

Telegraph holidays will be notified separately. The telegraph branch of combined offices will observe holidays on days which are declared as telegraph holidays.

SHIPOWNERS FORM NEW CONFERENCE

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The tripartite shipping conference—comprising of the British India Steam Navigation Company, the Asiatic Steam Navigation Company and the Scindia Steam Navigation Company—will cease to function on the Indian coast as from January 1, 1951. Its place will be taken by a new conference of Indian shipowners consisting of the Scindia, Bharat Line, Bombay Steam and Ambica Steam Navigation Companies.

This decision was taken at a conference of Indian shipowners here today. The new shipping conference owns approximately 2,25,000 D. W. tons out of three lakhs of Indian shipping not including overseas ships which have licences of load cargoes on the coast.

The British India and the Asiatic companies will remain as associate members of the new Indian coastal conference with restricted rights as owners of some of their ships are given temporary licences.

The formation of the new shipping conference consisting of Indian shipowners was, it is learnt, a direct result of the Indian Government's announcement on August 15, to reserve the coastal trade for ships owned by Indian companies as early as possible.

Dead In The Jungle

BOMBAY, Wednesday. A man was found hanging from a tree at a height of 25 feet in the Chandivali jungle yesterday. Life was extinct.

The Ghatkopar police stated to the City Coroner today that a thick tape was tied round the neck; there were no external marks of injury on the body. Police are investigating.

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DROFMANN AND DROBNY IN LAST FOUR

National Lawn Tennis Championships Of India

CALCUTTA, December 27. Drofmann (USA) and Joroslav Drobný (Czech), the semi-finalists of the men's singles of the National Lawn Tennis Championships of India, met in the quarter-final today. Drofmann, USA's number two, and Drobný, India's number three, respectively here today.

India's number two and three were beaten in straight sets. Drofmann meets Drobný in the semi-finals.

J. Drobný (Czech) beat Narendra Nath in the quarter final of the Men's singles in the National Lawn Tennis Championships at the Calcutta South Club today 6-2, 6-2, 7-5.

Holding his own service, Drofmann, USA's No. 2, led 3-0 in the first set. Recovering from an early upset, Drobný fought back well and levelled at (3-3). With his terrific service, deft placements and all-court play, the American forced the Czech to concede only one more game, took the set at (6-4).

In the second set, Drobný, who committed too many double faults and was driven to the base-line by his opponent, levelled up—1.

Breaking through the service of the Indian, Drofmann forged ahead and took three games in a row (4-1). At this stage, Drobný took off his shoes and played barefooted. Breaking through the service of Drobný, the American took the set at (6-3).

In the third set, Drobný could hardly put up a fight and surrendered the game rather tamely at 6-1.

The 29 year old, self-exiled Czech, J. Drobný, had to face stiff resistance from Narendra Nath who at times outwitted the bespectacled left handed Czech in all court play and drop shots. Though Drobný was almost unplayable with his terrific cannonball service and deft placements, Narendra Nath delighted the crowd with his amazing anticipation and hot returns.

Holding his own service, Drobný led 3-0 in the first set. Narendra Nath reduced the margin trying to rally hard and could manage to take one more game in the set which he lost at 6-1. In the second set, Drobný had absolute mastery of the situation and annexed it dropping only two games.

The third set, however, was a gruelling one, Narendra Nath trying hard to wipe off the deficit, the levelled up at 3-3. But Drobný did not yield and led 5-4, scoring with his mighty overhead volleys and chops. The next game went to Narendra Nath to level up matters 5-5. Without conceding any more game, Drobný took the set at 7-5, breaking through Narendra Nath's service.

Following are the results:—
MEN'S SINGLES (Quarter Finals)
I. Drofmann (USA) beat Sumant Misra 6/4, 6/3, 6/1. J. Drobný (Czech) beat Narendra Nath 6/2, 6/2, 7/5.

MIXED DOUBLES (First Round)
T. Shewaramani and Mrs. Thadani beat G. Vasant and Miss J. Ingram 6/1 6/1.

VETERAN'S SINGLES (Quarter Finals)
M. Young beat H. Pfanner 6/4 6/0. Dr. P. K. Sen beat G. C. Dey 6/4 6/8 6/1.

BOMBAY STATE BASKETBALL
BOMBAY, Wednesday. Thirteen teams have entered for the Bombay State Basketball Championship which commences on January 3, 1951, at the Anjanan-Islam High School Ground, Mysore Assn., Travancore Infantry and S. P. College, Poona are seeded.

The Tournament is held under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Olympic Association and Basketball Council.

The following is the draw:—
TOP HALF: Mysore Assn. (Bye) American Assn. vs Young Spartans Blue; Travancore Infantry (Bye); Indian Gymkhana Yellow vs Mustang Challengers;

LOWER HALF: Indian Gymkhana Whites vs Institute, Matunga; Mustang Raiders vs Mysore Assn., "B"; Young Spartans, Yellow vs Bombay Kiraleya Samaj; S. P. College Gymkhana (Poona) Bye.

MAZAGOAN DOCKS TOO GOOD
BOMBAY, Wednesday. In the only league match played this evening at the Cooperage, Mazagaon Docks proved too good for Dockyard "B" and emerged winners by three goals to nil in the Second Division.

HOCKEY
3-50 p.m. General Motors vs Reserve Bank (Second Division).
4-50 p.m. B.E.S.T. vs St. Xavier's "B" (First Division).
Parsi Cyclists Ground vs Dixon S.C.
3-10 p.m. Telephone Club vs Dixon S.C.
4-10 p.m. Metal Box vs Goan "C" (Third Division).
St. Xavier's Ground, Parel
3 p.m. B.E.S.T. & C.I. Rly. "C" vs Mahim Boys
4 p.m. Lever S.C. "A" vs Khtau S.C.
5 p.m. B.P.T. "A" vs G.I.P. Rly. "B" (Parel Hockey League).

Inter State Table Tennis

72 MATCHES PLAYED IN MENS SINGLES

COLOMBO, Dec. 27 (PTI): Seventy-two matches were played here in the King George Fifth Hall of the University of Ceylon last night for the men's (senior) singles table of the Inter-State Table Tennis Championships of India. The most closely contested of the matches was one between Khurshid Ali (Hyderabad) and N. Udeshi, a seeded player of Ceylon. Ali beat Udeshi after five gruelling games.

The following are the results:—

MEN'S SINGLES (First Quarter—First Round): B. Bhandari (Bengal) w.o. Ahmad Ali (Hyderabad); G. Advani (Delhi) beat A. Vaidheeswaran (Ceylon) 21-16, 21-10; C. R. Schoorman (Ceylon) beat V. Krishnamurthy (Ceylon) 21-16, 21-14, 21-17; Brinder Singh (Punjab) w.o. G. Fernando (Ceylon); D. Bekhor (Bengal) beat D. N. Pestonjee (Ceylon) 24-22, 21-15, 25-23; R. Albuquerque w.o. Abbas (Hyderabad); A. J. Fernandoopillai w.o. Sivawamy (Mysore); N. M. Lal (Punjab) w.o. Devaraj Urs (Mysore); N. K. J. Lal (Punjab) beat C. J. Fernandoopillai (Ceylon) 21-14, 21-10, 21-10; Schoorman (Ceylon) beat D. Basu (Assam) 21-4, 21-7, 21-4; T. S. Iyengar (Mysore) beat Pathurak Urs (Mysore) 25-23, 21-9, 17-21, 13-21, 21-17; Anjaneyulu (Andhra) beat N. Bannerjee (Bengal) 18-21, 21-11, 21-8, 21-7; Muruges (Madras) beat R. T. Rajan (Bengal) 21-15, 14-21, 21-10, 19-21, 21-13; N. M. Sud (Punjab) beat G. Fernando (Ceylon) 21-13, 21-24, 20-22, 21-18, 24-22; K. V. Krishnamurthy (Hyderabad) beat Anwar Ali (Hyderabad) 21-19, 21-10, 21-6; Om Prakash (Delhi) beat A. H. Fernando (Ceylon) 21-13, 21-23, 21-9.

SECOND ROUND: R. Bhandari (Bengal) beat G. Advani (Delhi) 21-14, 21-14, 21-16; C. R. Schoorman (Ceylon) beat Brinder Singh (Punjab) 21-11, 21-19, 21-13; D. Bekhor (Bengal) beat R. Albuquerque 21-15, 21-15, 21-11; N. M. Lal (Punjab) beat C. J. Fernandoopillai 12-21, 21-19, 21-12, 17-21, 21-19; N. Krishnamurthy beat C. R. Schoorman 21-19, 21-17, 21-14; Anjaneyulu (Andhra) beat T. S. Iyengar (Mysore) 21-13, 24-22, 21-13; Muruges (Andhra) beat N. M. Sud (Punjab) 21-9, 21-12, 21-9; Om Prakash (Delhi) beat K. V. Krishnamurthy (Hyderabad) 21-12, 21-9, 21-15.

SECOND QUARTER—First Round: T. Thiruvengadam (Madras) beat V. Sellathamburam (Ceylon) 21-16, 21-16, 21-14; Panchapakasani (Madras) beat A. S. Rangaswamy (Hyderabad) 25-23, 17-21, 21-17, 21-19; V. Narasingham (Andhra) beat P. Sagar (Punjab) 21-15, 22-20, 21-18; K. L. Swamy (Delhi) beat S. Pereira (Ceylon) 21-13, 21-4, 21-5; Krishnarao (Hyderabad) beat J. M. Hsrumulu (Punjab) 22-20, 21-16; S. K. Thakerey (Bombay) beat P. R. Rastogi (Bengal) 21-12, 21-15; V. P. Yohu (Bombay) beat B. K. Sakia (Assam) 21-12, 22-24, 21-12, 21-2; Jayanta De (Bengal) beat V. Nadarajah (Ceylon) 21-13, 21-18, 21-16; P. K. Parthasarathy (Madras) w.o. Sumant Misra (Bombay); C. J. Fernandoopillai (Ceylon) w.o. Rajagopalan (Delhi); A. Benjamin (Bengal) beat E. Fernando (Ceylon) 21-8, 21-11, 21-17; Altaf Ali (Hyderabad) beat S. Singharay (Ceylon) 22-20, 21-12, 21-14; A. Chakravarty (Bengal) beat C. S. Fernandoopillai (Ceylon) 21-10, 21-13, 21-12; Nagendran (Mysore) w.o. M. B. Fernando (Ceylon); C. Gunaratne (Ceylon) beat M. Chelliah (Ceylon) 21-19, 19-21, 17-21, 21-12, 21-12; M. V. S. Vittal (Mysore) beat B. Dabholkar (Bombay) 21-10, 21-8, 21-12.

SECOND ROUND: T. Thiruvengadam (Madras) beat Panchapakasani (Madras) 21-10, 22-20, 20-22, 21-18; K. L. Swamy (Delhi) beat V. Narasingham (Andhra) 21-15, 16-21, 21-10, 20-22, 21-16; S. K. Thakerey (Bombay) beat Krishnarao (Hyderabad) 21-11, 21-13, 21-18; Jayanta De (Bengal) beat V. P. Prabhu (Bombay) 21-9, 23-21, 21-11; P. K. Parthasarathy (Madras) beat P. G. Ratnesar (Ceylon) 21-19, 21-18, 21-9; A. Benjamin (Bombay) beat Altaf Ali (Hyderabad) 21-18, 21-14, 21-15; Chakravarty (Bengal) beat Nagendran (Mysore) 21-10, 21-12, 21-16; M. V. S. Vittal (Mysore) beat C. Gunaratne (Ceylon) 21-13, 21-16, 21-16.

THIRD QUARTER (First Round): H. M. Khanchand (Bombay) beat N. M. Naidoo (Madras) 21-17, 21-15, 18-21, 21-9; T. C. Sud (Punjab) beat Surender Singh (Punjab) 21-17, 18-21, 21-10, 21-13; R. S. Rastogi (Ceylon) beat V. Rao (Madras); Nissanka De Silva (Ceylon) beat M. U. Rawoff (Ceylon) 21-16, 21-18, 21-18; N. M. Lakdawala (Ceylon) w.o. G. Rabbani (Hyderabad); Mohd. Omar (Hyderabad) beat N. C. Bashin (Andhra) 21-12, 21-17; R. E. B. L. Sivalingam (Ceylon) beat A. S. V. Ananthan (Ceylon) 21-14, 21-10, 19-21, 21-16; C. Ramaswamy (Mysore) beat Arunraj (Delhi) 21-10, 21-11, 21-16; S. Chatterjee (Bengal) beat Z. M. Thaha (Ceylon) 21-16, 21-15, 21-12; R. E. B. L. Saxena (Delhi) beat M. Dutta (Assam) 21-10, 21-8, 21-4; M. Laxminarayana (Hyderabad) beat S. R. Thyagarajah (Ceylon) 21-5, 21-14, 21-7; N. M. Shome (Assam) w.o. S. Challa (Assam) Vishwanathan Iyer (Madras) beat R. Raghunathan (Ceylon) 21-19, 21-9, 21-11; Khurshid Ali (Hyderabad) beat N. Udeshi (Ceylon) 24-22, 10-21, 21-18, 18-21, 22-20; N. Pestonjee (Ceylon) beat D. M. Shastri (Andhra) 21-15, 19-21, 21-11, 21-19; M. Mekhri (Hyderabad) beat V. L. Narayanan (Mysore) 21-1, 21-11, 21-17.

THIRD QUARTER (Second Round): H. M. Khanchand (Bombay) beat T. C. Sud (Punjab) 21-13, 21-6, 21-13; Nissanka De Silva (Ceylon) beat L. Rossaria (Ceylon) 21-19, 21-14, 21-17; C. Ramaswamy (Mysore) beat P. Sivalingam (Ceylon) 21-18, 21-21, 21-10, 21-12; Khurshid Ali (Hyderabad) w.o. N. M. Shome (Assam) R. B. L. Saxena (Delhi) beat S. Chatterjee (Bengal) 21-17, 21-14, 21-14; Mohd. Omar (Hyderabad) beat N. M. Lakdawala (Ceylon) 21-13, 16-21, 21-18, 21-15; A. Viswanathan Iyer (Madras) beat Laxminarayana (Hyderabad) 21-12, 21-15, 21-16; M. Mekhri (Hyderabad) beat R. N. Pestonjee (Ceylon) 21-4, 21-8, 21-14.

WORKERS STRIKE HITS HOCKEY

BOMBAY, Wednesday. The strike of the workers of the Bombay Gymkhana caused hockey matches in the B.F.H.A. League to be cancelled this evening at this ground as no arrangements could be made for setting up the equipment.

BARRACKS WIN SQUADRON CUP

All-Important Goal Scored In Extra Time

BOMBAY, Wednesday. The Cooperage was this evening invaded by the Indian Navy's "Barracks" and the "Delhi" to contest the final of the Inter Squadron Hockey Final. The former side emerged victorious by the odd goal in three—the all important goal arriving in the first period of extra time.

On the run of play the exchanges were well balanced, but it was the Barracks that definitely had a major share of the scoring chances. Their centre half, Subramaniam was the most outstanding player on the field. It is not uncommon in these games to see players use their sticks and heads to little advantage except for robust play. This was the state of affairs, but it hardly reached a height that needed cautioning.

After a goalless initial half, the "Delhi" opened the scoring with a grand solo effort by right inner Lal, but five minutes later David converted a pass from Nandi Singh to give the Barracks the equalizer.

Extra time was played as the teams were on level terms at the call of full time and Bakshi, the Barracks right outer scored the winning goal in the first period of extra time from a somewhat disputed offside position.

Admiral Bernard presided and Mrs. Bernard distributed the prizes and certificates to the winners and runners-up.

THOS. COOK S. C. TROUNCED
G. I. P. Rly. "C" Gain A Walk Over

BOMBAY, Wednesday. Blue Wilzards "B" trounced Thos. Cook Sports Club to the tune of ten goals to nil in the Third Division of the B.F.H.A. League played at the Parsi Cyclists Ground this evening.

Thos. Cook Sports Club played, however, with only seven men.

J. Amreu, A. Fernandes, P. Viegas and Braganza scored two goals each, while D'Souza and Almeida scored one each to compile their side's score.

As the Indian Hotels failed to put in an appearance, probably due to the hotel workers strike, G.I.P. Railway "C" were awarded a walk over.

INDIAN HOCKEY SIDE EXTENDED
Tour Of Nairobi Concludes

NAIROBI, Dec. 27 (PTI): All-India Hockey team had an extremely hard game before beating an East Kenya side by two goals to nil on today in the last match of their tour of Nairobi.

The Indians hemmed in their opponents for long spells but the local team, drawn from Nairobi and Mombasa, kept their goal intact by determined defensive play for 20 minutes. Then Rajagopal rounding two defenders scored with a shot through the goal-keeper's legs.

All attempts by the Indians to increase the lead were repulsed. Seven minutes before the break East Kenya scrambled home a goal through C. M. Gracias.

Just before the interval while the same player was off injured, Hardial Singh gave the tourists the lead when he crashed home a mid-air centre from Babu. Both sides excelled in defence in a goalless second half.

HYDERABAD POLICE ENTER SEMI-FINAL
Durand Cup Football Tournament

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (PTI): Hyderabad City Police defeated the Fifth Gurkha Rifles by three goals to one in the quarter-final of the Durand Football Tournament today.

Two of the goals were scored by the winners in extra time. They will now meet Bengal champions, East Bengal in the semi-finals.

Second Test Also Won By Australia

TIMID BATTING CAUSES ENGLAND'S DEFEAT

MELBOURNE, December 27. (PTI-Reuters): England became two down in the series of five cricket test matches when Australia won the second game by 28 runs today.

To those who have watched the fluctuations of fortune in the first two tests, such a position scarcely can be believed.

Whereas England could complain that luck was against them in the first test at Brisbane no such excuse could be advanced at Melbourne except that they were without Denis Compton. In recent years England's teams have caused many disappointments but none, not even the last day at Leeds in 1948, was so great as today when England's fall by 28 runs to score the 179 needed to inflict upon Australia her first defeat in the last 24 test matches. They were out for 150.

Batsmen allowed the importance of the occasion to draw them. They faced a first class attack on a hard pitch from which the slow bowlers could make the ball turn and all the bowlers were occasionally able to trouble the batsmen with one which kept low.

Yet the conditions were such that a county side of reasonable strength would have been confident of its chances of getting 200 in the fourth innings by making strokes freely.

Only three England batsmen, Hutton, Parkhouse and Bedser did so. The rest played into the hands of Australia by their timidity.

Hutton showed that the pitch was not as hard as it was made to appear in a classic display of two hours for forty runs before he hit a slower ball from Bill Johnston to midwicket.

Bedser, number ten batsman, looked capable of obtaining a century if he could find a partner. He provided proof enough that runs could be scored without undue trouble.

Though play did not reach the standard expected in international cricket, the Melbourne test will be remembered in Australia as a great game of cricket and one of the most exciting for many years.

Thanks to bowling and fielding, the England team which was thought not to have a chance has already given Australia two severe shocks in the tests.

The third test is due to begin at Sydney on January 5.

Ranji Trophy Cricket

PATIALA, December 27. (PTI-Reuters): Southern Punjab, resuming on the second day today at their last night's total of 368 for eight, were all out for 370 in their first innings in the Ranji Trophy North Zone cricket match against Rajasthan Rajputana at lunch had replied with 75 for the loss of five wickets.

Rajputana in their second innings had made 88 runs for the loss of one wicket when stumps were put down on the second day of their match against Southern Punjab (B. R. Chuhani batting 36, K. P. Mehta batting 35).

G.B. Police 'A' Gain Full Points

PAREL HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOMBAY, Wednesday. Two second session goals by right inner Lazarus helped Greater Bombay Police "A" to claim full points at the expense of B.B. & C.I. Railway "B" who failed to reply in the Senior Division of Parel Hockey League at the St. Xavier's College Gymkhana ground, Parel, this evening.

The cops enjoyed a lion share of the exchanges and played the Railway in their own territory, but they found goal getting a difficult task as their rivals crowded them out. It was only towards the close of play that Lazarus scored the goals.

Earlier, G.I.P. Rly. swapped Bombay Gas Sports Club by six goals to nil in the Third Division. The Railwaymen dominated the exchanges throughout. J. Aguiar cornered most of the limelight, and scored four goals for his side while M. D'Souza scored the other two.

In the other Third Division match Mazagaon Dock "B" beat Globe Sports Club by three goals to one. Abraham (2) and Katrak scored for the winners while Shamrao scored the only goal for Globe Sports Club.

MAJORIE JACKSON SETS A NEW RECORD

NEW ZEALAND, December 27. (PTI-Reuters): Arthur Wink, Jamaica's Olympic champion, won the 400 metres final today in the Canterbury Centennial Games.

He finished 18 seconds ahead of American Mal Whitfield and his time of 46.9 seconds was believed to be the fastest recorded in Australia or New Zealand for the distance.

The 100 yards final was won by Degruchy of Australia in 9.7 seconds. A R. Bragg (United States) was second and E. McDonald Bailey (Britain) third.

Miss Marjorie Jackson, of Australia, Empire Games Champion and world record holder won the 75 yards in 8.3 seconds to beat the New Zealand record by 1/5 of a second.

NOVEL AUTOMATIC TIMING DEVICE

Used At Sports Meet Of P. And T. Dept. At Jubbulpore

(From Our Correspondent)
JUBBULPORE, Dec. 25. About 200 athletes from ten Circles of India participated in the first All-India Posts and Telegraph Athletic Meet which concluded here yesterday under the auspices of the P. & T. Training Centre Recreation Club, Jubbulpore. A feature of the meet was the use, for the first time in the sporting annals of India and, presumably, the world, of a novel automatic timing device, so designed that the firing of the pistol for the start and the breaking of the tape at the finish and 100 yards set in motion and switched off respectively a precision timing system, thus avoiding the fraction of a second's delay involved in human operation of a stop watch.

The Circle Championship Shield, presented by the citizens of Jubbulpore, was won by the Establishment of the Director of Stores and Workshops, Jubbulpore, while the Individual Championship was secured by E. Mitchell, Madras Circle. At the conclusion of the event, programme Mr. Krishna Prasad, I.C.S., Director-General Post and Telegraphs, stressed the necessity of sound health for efficiency in all walks of life and presented trophies.

The following are the results:
110 METRES HURDLES: P. L. Yadav (C. P. Circle) 17.9 secs.
SHOT PUTT: J. H. Ingham (Trg. Centre, Jubb) 30 ft. 9 ins.
100 METRES: E. Mitchell (Madras) 11.5 secs.
200 METRES: E. Mitchell (Madras) 24.7 secs.
400 METRES: P. L. Yadav (C. P. Circle) 57.4 secs.
500 METRES: C. Fernandez (Madras) 19 ft. 8 ins.
800 METRES: J. Amanna (Bombay Telephone W/S) 2 min. 24 secs.
1500 METRES: Majid (Central Circle) 5 min. 0.2 secs.
5000 METRES: J. H. Ingham (Trg. Centre, Jubb) 17.9 secs.
E. Mitchell (Madras) 41 ft. 6 1/2 ins.
HIGH JUMP: P. L. Yadav (Central Circle) 5 ft. 1 1/2 ins.
SLOW CYCLE RACE: Dabir (Central Circle) 4 min. 5.2 secs.
ESTABLISHMENT of the Director of Stores and Workshops, Jubbulpore 51.8 secs.
4x400 METRES RELAY: Establishment of the Director of Stores and Workshops, Jubbulpore. 4 min. 5.2 secs.
MARATHON RACE: Chhotelal (Jubbulpore Workshop).
REX LUDORUM: E. Mitchell (Madras)
CIRCLE CHAMPIONSHIP: Establishment of the Director of Stores and Workshops, Jubbulpore.

Ban On Player Writers

MELBOURNE, Dec. 27. The Australian Lawn Tennis Association may soon ban player-writers from competing in tournaments, according to an L.T.A.A. official.

Among well-known players who will be affected if the ban is enforced are John Bromwich, who represented Australia at the last Davis Cup and former Davis Cuppers, Adrian Quist and Colin Long.

Veteran Harry Hopman, who managed the Australian team which captured Davis Cup from America last year has been a regularly employed journalist for many years.

MADRAS RACE RESULTS

MADRAS, Dec. 27 (PTI). For a working day the attendance was sufficiently large at the Fifth Day's races of the December Meeting at Guindy today where a card of six events was gone through.

Though only two first favourites obliged, backing had the better of the exchanges as two other well-fancied horses also turned up.

Ahmed Khan was the only jockey to score a double and both his winning mounts came from the stable of his brother Baba Khan.

Mr. E. Hayward's aged Chestnut Australian gelding, Press On, won the New Delhi Plate, the main event, with F. K. Black up. Defying the top weight of 9-4, the aged gelding closely followed the field till the bend in this handicap over a mile for class three horses and forged into the lead near the first enclosure to win by half length from the last finishing Imperial Majesty.

MADRAS, Dec. 27 (PTI). Following are today's race results at Guindy.

THE METTUP PLATE (Dist. 6 F.) GOLDEN HIND (Messrs. M. H. Khan and Baba Khan) Ahmed Khan 9-4 1; LOVELY NIGHT (Mr. and Mrs. D. Allerton) 7-8 Shanker 2; GRACE DARLING (Mr. James Mann) Tyrrell 8-0 3; JEANHARR (Mr. P. S. D'Souza) 9-0 4.

Not run: Yankee Doodle and Brave Lassie.

Won by: 2 3/4 lengths, 1 length and 1 1/4 lengths.

Time: 1 minute 19 2/5 seconds.

Tote paid: Rs. 22 for win, Rs. 12, Rs. 16 and Rs. 12 for places.

THE MYSORE PLATE (Dist. 5 F.) ALMA (Raja of Ramnad) 4-0 Henderson 1; MISS PIERROT (Lt. Col. W. H. Kerr) 9-8 Wandort 2; JINGER CHIEF (Miss Sylvia Kerr) 8-4 Buckle 3; BASILIAN (Mr. James Mann) 9-3 Tyrrell 4.

Not run: Ranjan, Raj Luxmi, Dinna Care.

Won by: Shorthead, Head and Short Head.

Time: 1 minute 5 1/5 seconds.

Tote paid: Rs. 38 for win, Rs. 14, Rs. 16 and Rs. 34 for places.

THE NEW DELHI PLATE (Dist. 1 mile) PRESS ON (Mr. E. Hayward) 9-4 Black 1; IMPERIAL MAJESTY (Mr. V. K. T. Ramani Menon) 8-9 Shanker 2; SONATA (Mr. G. A. Gulrajani) 8-11 B. McQuade 3; STYLISH LADY (The Maharani Chinnabai Gaekwar of Baroda) 8-5 P. Khade 4.

Won by: 1/2 length, 3 lengths, 3 1/2 lengths.

Time: 1 minute 44 seconds.

Tote paid: Rs. 42 for win, Rs. 18, Rs. 22 and Rs. 12 for places.

THE HAJEE SIR ISMAIL SAIT MEMORIAL PLATE (Dist. 8 F.) JESTY (Mr. V. K. T. Ramani Menon) 9-7 Fakrudin 1; ACROMWELL (H. I. Wankor and Lt. Col. W. H. Kerr) 9-6 F. K. Black 2; GEORGE (Mr. R. Shamian) 9-6 Fitzgerald 3; KING'S DREAM (Dr. R. A. Gibson) 7-4 Simmonds 4.

Not run: Sabah Al Khair.

Won by: 1 1/2 lengths, 2 1/2 lengths and 3/4 length.

Time: 1 minute 17 seconds.

Tote paid: Rs. 52 for win, Rs. 20, Rs. 22 and Rs. 44 for places.

THE EAST PUNJAB PLATE (Dist. 7 F.) JUST IT (Mr. A. Gujardhar) 8-11 Tyrrell 1; KAFFIR CHIEF (Zamindar of Chikkavaram 8-13 Raut 2; ON AND ON (Messrs. R. Shamian and M. A. Karim) 8-1 Fitzgerald 3; AS YOU PLEASE (Mr. A. M. C. Kauppan Chettiar) 8-8 McQuade 4.

Not run: Basilian, Black and White and Fair Gold.

Won by: 1/2 length, 3/4 length and 1 1/4 length.

CITY MARKETS

SHARE BAZAR

BOMBAY, Dec. 27.
The Bombay Stock Exchange was officially closed today and will re-open on January 2.
Privately Tata Steel Defds. after being quoted at Rs. 1952/8 declined at Rs. 1950/-. Bombay Dyings were quoted at Rs. 1065/- and Indian Irons at Rs. 33/6.
Later on Tata Steel Defds. were quoted at Rs. 1932/8, Bombay Dyings Rs. 1070/-, Kohinoor Rs. 351/- and Scindia Rs. 17/6.
Thereafter Tata Steel Defds. declined at Rs. 1922/8 and stood at Rs. 1927/8. Bombay Dyings were quoted at Rs. 1060/-, Kohinoor Rs. 351/- and Scindia at Rs. 17/3. Indian Irons were quoted at Rs. 33/2.

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 27.
The local Bullion market opened quiet today but turned up on renewed buying and short covering. The general feeling remains bullish on war ideas and with scarcity of offerings the general trend continues upward.

At the opening Forward Silver was quoted at Rs. 187-8 and advanced at Rs. 188-3 on speculative buying. Ready Mint Silver was quoted at Rs. 187-15 and Spot Bullion was placed at Rs. 187-11.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 111-10 and advanced at Rs. 112-5 on increased buying. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 112-3 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 76.

Later on there was impressive buying and the market closed firm as under:

Ready Silver	188 10 0
Forward	189 2 0
Ready Gold	113 8 0
Forward	113 13 0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 27.
Ready quotations in the local market were as under. With a view to consider the present position of the forward delivery business done, a general meeting will be held today. Groundnuts Khandesh 47 6 0, Groundnuts Madras 47 0 0, Groundnuts Bold 46 6 0. Local Mills: 25 12 0, Rai Receipts 24 14 0, January 24 10 0, Linseed Salva 43 14 0, Linseed Salva 42 8 0, Linseed Oil 22 14 0, Castor seeds 49 8 0.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR

MADRAS, Dec. 27.
Following are today's quotations in the Madras stock market:
GOVT. OF INDIA BONDS: Three percent paper 93/- ditto 1986 93 1/2 ditto 1970 97 1/4.
Govt. of Travancore: Three percent 1952/54 101 6/8 Govt. of Madras Three percent 1960 98/10.
BANKS: Travancore 12/14.
PLANTINGS: Blue Mountain 3 2, Chandramalai 2/15, Chembra 5/4, Cochin Malabar 8 10, Coffee Langoor 12/8, Cons Coffee 22/12 ditto perf. 29/12, Coonoor Tea 24/14, Coorg Tea 7/4, Devashola 17/4, Highland produce 27/12, Kallai 2/6/9, Kalpetta 24/2, Malankara 70, Midland 9, Neelemann 3/14, Nelliampathy 1/14, Nil Nigralind 5/10, Nilgiri Tea 12/-, Ouchtrion 8/3, Periakaramalai 3/4, Pullangode 2/6, Puthuthottam 4/13, Rajagiri 7/10, Rajuthottam perf six percent 7/6, Thirunivadi 3/12, T. R. and T. Co 8/12, Vaikundam 14/1 6/8.
TEXTILES: Bangalore Woollen 27/5, Buckingham 145/- ditto perf 170, Cambodia 13/-, Combarator CM 197/-, ditto Pioneer 121 ditto spg. 55, Lakkshmi 88, Madura 36/8, Mettur 38/8, Pankaj 91/-, Radhakrishna 151, Rajalakshmi 91/-, Ranga Vilas 58/8, Trav Rayons 5/6, Trichinopoly 14/4, Vasanta 133/4.
MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 72/-, FACT 7/11, India Cement 15/14, Mettur Chem. 6/8, Mysore Chem. Fert. 9/14.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Weekly Statements Of Affairs

The following is an Account of the Reserve Bank of India for the week ended the 22nd day of December:—
ISSUE DEPARTMENT
LIABILITIES

Notes held in the Banking Department	Rs. 7,72,57,000
Notes in circulation	115,120,56,000
Total Notes issued	115,89,33,000
Total Liabilities	115,89,33,000

ASSETS	
Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
Held in India	40,01,71,000
Foreign Securities	623,15,11,000
B. Rupee Coin	59,13,69,000
Government of India	436,62,62,000
Rupee Securities	11,82,16,000
Total Assets	115,89,33,000
Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities:	57.222 per cent.

BANKING DEPARTMENT	
LIABILITIES	
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	159,92,57,000
(b) Other Govern-	
ments	13,05,98,000
(c) Banks	56,82,18,000
(d) Others	60,75,12,000
Bills Payable	6,11,80,000
Other Liabilities	11,82,16,000
Rupees	318,50,81,000

ASSETS	
Notes	7,72,57,000
Rupee Coin	12,12,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,79,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted	25,00,000
Internal	2,29,37,000
Government Treasury	201,38,97,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	3,92,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	4,54,16,000
Investments	92,85,83,000
Other Assets	5,39,00,000

AMERICAN MARKETS

MILL BUYING AND COVERING IN COTTON

Wall Street Market Heavy

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.

Following opening irregularities, old crops advanced on mill buying and short covering disclosing limited hedges. Dealings, however, were restricted as traders continue to await further developments in connection with the price control programme although some improvement in activity is considered possible later in the week as a result of year end covering by mills. New crops were mixed attributed partly to straddle operations. Prices drifted irregularly lower on small persistent hedges and New Orleans selling in old crops, light liquidation in far distant with the softness of securities possibly a contributing factor. The trade offered the principal support on the scale down. The session closed steady with sales at 150,000 bales.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.	
New York New Orleans	
March	43.01
May	42.45
July	41.88
October	38.73
Middling spot	44.13
New York cotton, Highest	43.16
at 10.17 Lowest	43.00 at 10.00 hrs.

WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.
Traders were apparently cautious and the market was inclined to drift. While there was a fair amount of activity a good deal of it consisted in switching. Price changes either way were preponderantly fractional and rather evenly divided with most group trends indeterminate. Numerous operators were limiting commitments pending clarification of the fair price standards which may be issued this week by the economic stabilisation agency and what the next Congress will do about raising more funds—general sales tax and more. With activity tending to increase, profit-taking and nervous liquidation was particularly effective and covered Oils, Rails, Motors, Chemicals and Textiles. The market finished at or around the day's worst with a close heavy.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

American Telephone and	
Telegraph	150
Amerex Holding	42
Anacostia Copper	38 3/4
Chase National Bank	36
Firestone Tyre	78 3/4
General Electric	47 3/8
General Motors	46 5/8
Ingersoll Rand	89
International Nickel	35 1/2
National City Bank	45 1/4
New York Central Rail Road	20 3/4
Sinclair Oil	32 5/8
Socomey Vacuum	24 5/8
Texas Co.	78 3/4
Union Carbide	54
U. S. Smelting	53 1/4
U. S. Steel Common	40 3/8
Western Union	40 1/8
Total number of shares which changed hands during the day was 2,660,000 shares.	

The highest and lowest of U. S. Steel trading prices were 41 1/8 and 40 1/8 respectively.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.
CHICAGO GRAINS: Advanced with some deliveries at new seasonal highs ranging cold weather and heavy snowfall in the mid-west, unfavourable winter wheat crop advices and reports of heavy consumption of Soyabeans by processors.

CHICAGO WHEAT	
March	2.46 1/4
May	2.45 1/4
July	2.41 3/8
September	2.42 1/4

Brussels Stocks Irregular

BRUSSELS, Dec. 26.
With making up prices due to be fixed early for the settlement of the fortnightly account, the forward section of the Bourse alternated between support and resistance. In the cash market electricals and some industrial were in demand but iron and steels, chemicals and mining issues were irregular.

Paris Bourse Quiet

PARIS, Dec. 26.
Business on the Bourse was very quiet owing to the holiday with prices generally around Friday's level. A cautious note was introduced by the possibility of a bank strike and the fears of political complications over the French military budget in the national assembly. Indo-Chinese issues were weaker on reports that devaluation of the Indo-Chinese piastre was under discussion.

N.Y. Silver Sales

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.
Around 275,000 ounces changed hands in the open market at unchanged price of 80 1/4 cents per ounce.

Sales Of Treasury Bills

During the week ended the 22nd December, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 10,40,25,000 were sold in favour of the Reserve Bank of India.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 27.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.
B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up.
1/5 1/8 Month.
London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.
London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.
London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month.
London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th-9th Month.
London Banks Buying 60 and 90d/st. 5/2 to 4/2 1/2 Month.
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month.
London Banks buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th-8th Month.
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/2 to 4/2 1/2 Month.
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month.
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th-9th Month.
New York B. C. Rate T. T. D. D. 1/5 1/8 Month.
Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 477-1/2 Montreal Rs. 455-1/4.
Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 475 Montreal Rs. 445-3/4.
Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 472-1/2 Montreal Rs. 443-1/2.
Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 473-3/4 L/C Montreal Rs. 444-1/4.
Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7500.
Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 7500.
Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D. F. 79.
Belgium Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs. 1033.
Switzerland Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs. 90 1/4.
Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Glds. 79.
Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 83 1/4.
Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 157.
Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 238 3/4.
New York/London Cross Rate dol. 24 7/8 to 25 1/8.
London/Alexandria Cross Rate Pls. 97 1/4 to 98 1/4.
London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65.
London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tel. 35, London/Bangkok Cross Rate Fcs. 139.90-140.10.
London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36.
London/Hong Kong Cross Rate 1/2 27/32-1/2 15/16.
London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 89.40-91.00.
London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65.
Karachi Cross Rate 2/184-2/194.
London/Lisbon Cross Rate Esc. 80-35.
London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 5.60-65.
London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 2.95-3/4-2.96.
London/New York Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8-2.80 1/8.
London/Old Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36.
20/02 London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 979-981.
London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16.
London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14/47-50.
London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 123-128.
London Discts. 3 Mos. 11/16 p.c.
London Discts. 6 Mos. 7/8 p.c.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Mof. under 1 per cent.
per cent. 6 Mos 1-1/4 per cent. 12 Mos. 1-1/2 per cent.
Tone: Steady.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

BOMBAY, Dec. 27.

2-1/2% 1954	98 13 0
2 1/2% 1955	98 8 0
2 1/2% 1961	96 4 0
2-3/4% 1960	98 8 0
2-3/4% 1962	98 8 0
2-3/4% 1976	94 0 0
3% 1986 Con.	93 0 0
3% 1951/54	101 1 0
3% 1953/55	101 7 0
3% 1957	101 5 0
3% 1959/61	99 11 0
3% 1963/65	97 15 0
3% 1959/65	99 12 0
3% 1966/68	97 13 0
3% 1968/70	96 15 0
3% 1970/75	98 15 0
3% 1980/70	109 0 0
4 1/2% 1955/60	109 2 0
4 1/2% 1954/59	103 14 0
4 1/2% 1956/68	112 4 0

GOVERNMENT BONDS

3% Bombay 1962	99 2 0
3% Bombay 1960	99 4 0
2-3/4% U.P. 1961	99 12 0
2-3/4% Madras 1961	99 12 0
3% Bombay 1955	100 8 0
3% Bombay 1958	100 8 0
3% Punjab 1952	101 8 0
3% Madras 1952/53	100 8 0
3% U.P. 1952	100 8 0
3% N.W.P. 1952	100 8 0
3% U.P. 1961/66	99 2 0

MUNICIPAL

4% B.P.I.	109 4 0
5% B. Municipality	113 0 0
5% B. Municipality	113 0 0
5% B. Municipality 1954	112 0 0

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 27. (FT-Reuters):
Following Christmas holiday trading in London Stock Exchanges today was small, but produced some features. British Government funds were fractionally lower where changed on small routine sales, but there was firmness in textiles, iron and steel in industrial section.

Among foreign bonds Austrian issues moved up on news that Italy is to pay the arrears of redemption service on guaranteed loan. Austrian four and halves were two and half up at 64 and drawn bonds one point at 21. German and Japanese issues eased fractionally.

Oil shares were unsettled by Persian Government withdrawal of bill to ratify the oil agreement with the Anglo-Iranian. Shares of this company were dull at five and five eighths. Dealings in Merdon Eagle warrants took place around three and seven.

Interest in minings was centred in coppers. Reported heavy United States demand for metal encouraged through the use of weapons of destruction. Gold shares were steady, but idle.

RAJASTHAN CABINET DOING ITS BEST

JAIPUR, Dec. 24.
Pandit Hiralal Shastri, Chief Minister of Rajasthan, in the course of a statement said:—

"My attention has, now and then, been drawn to the vicious and malicious propaganda, full of wishful speculations and vague insinuations, which has been persistently carried on against the Rajasthan Ministry."

Along with the stupendous task of integration, the Ministry has been able to do a lot of other useful work also. We do not claim that our work leaves nothing to be desired. But I am sorry that we are being incessantly blamed, in a general way, for the prevalence of the black market and corruption, existence of chaotic conditions, procurement of food-grains and continuation of the Jagirdar system.

We have been doing the best that we can for the eradication of evils like black market and corruption and we have been co-operating with the Government of India in dealing with the chaotic conditions. Law and order have not only been well maintained but there has been a distinct improvement in several respects.

With our food problem we certainly cannot play a safe and easy dangerous if political exploitation was made of our difficult food situation. To my mind, the need of the hour for the country is that Congressmen and others rise above group and party politics and work together for raising the moral standards of the people and for doing what can be done for the common good.

As regards the omissions and commissions of the Rajasthan Ministry, I intend to friends and critics to come forward with specific suggestions and proposals.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT DEFEATED

Premier Decides To Stay On

PARIS, Dec. 27. (FT-Reuters):
The French Government was defeated in the National Assembly yesterday for a second time since its formation five and a half months ago but Premier Rene Pleven announced he would not quit as a result.

Deputies asked for postponement included the grounds that the Assembly's National Defence Commission had not had proper time to examine the report of the Finance Commission published only yesterday morning.

After the vote, the Assembly agreed to start the debate on the rearmament budget today.

Right-wing Deputy Pierre Montrel, Chairman of the National Defence Commission said this was an effort to meet the Government's desire to cut short the delay as much as possible.

Mr. Pleven said he accepted the Commission's proposal to postpone the debate but told M. Montrel: "You have powerful allies in order to secure your victory" alluding to the fact that the majority vot-

India's Struggle For Freedom NEED FOR OBJECTIVE RECORDING

NAGPUR, Dec. 27. (U.P.I.)

Dr. RAJENDRA PRASAD, President of the Indian Union, inaugurating the 13th session of the Indian History Congress held here this morning emphasised that "India needs a true and exhaustive history of its distant and glorious past no less than of its unique and unprecedented struggle which has succeeded in placing it once again on the map of the world."

The President said: "The urge for presenting to our country not only a connected and correct account of events as they have happened and of the wards and conquests of kings and emperors, their heroic deeds and miserable misrule and personal upheavals but also of how our life has been lived and shaped, how great religious and cultural and literary movements have arisen and influenced not only Indians but hundreds of millions of people across the natural boundaries of India, how art and science, industry and commerce have developed and fructified, has been felt not only by historians but also by the layman. Efforts have been made and are being made to meet this urge."

"The Bharatiya Itihas Parishad planned some years ago to bring out a history of India in twenty volumes which it was for various reasons unable to complete. Your similar task and it is a matter of congratulation that the two schemes have been amalgamated and it is to be hoped that within a reasonable period we shall have a complete history written by competent authors who will utilise the material available at present and give us a reliable account of our achievements and our failures and, if history is taught by examples, also lessons for our future guidance."

Continuing, Dr. Rajendra Prasad said: "The historians of India of the present generation have a great responsibility and a great opportunity. Many of them have seen with their own eyes great events, the life of which perhaps were never seen before by any other historian. We have record of conquests and of empires through the use of weapons of destruction. From the earliest times mankind has been trying to improve upon these weapons and today we have reached a stage when a war forebodes destruction of human beings on a tremendous scale and of objects that have been built up with great labour and skill during centuries in the twinkling of an eye. There is no lack of history to teach by examples, who have utilised the material so provided in making out histories of wars and conquests."

"Our history," Dr. Rajendra Prasad added, "has to take note of the significant fact that it is not a matter of surprise that the country since its birth within the last thirty years or so the emergence of a new technique of struggle for freedom the emergence of the programme of non-violence and

its actual implementation. I am not aware if any historian of note has in his own writings given to this new technique its due importance. My feeling is that that history remains to be written. Strange as it may seem, the source of material which can enable the historian to reconstruct this which I consider to be a most glorious chapter not only in our history but in the world's history is not collected and preserved as it ought to be and is gradually but nonetheless surely being destroyed and is disappearing."

"Those who have been engaged in this struggle have had neither the training nor the time and opportunity to keep record of what was happening from day to day and much less of the inner thoughts and motives which were influencing their conduct and shaping the events as they were happening. Whatever I fancy, looking spread over such a vast area and in so many diverse forms and languages that it would require really trained persons to sift the grain from the chaff."

GANDHIAN STRUGGLE
Dr. Rajendra Prasad expressed the hope that historians would write the history of non-violent struggle with understanding and sympathy and having full record of the events as they occurred from day to day.

He said: "Who knows that the world will not some day accept that principle and adopt that strategy which Mahatma Gandhi taught and applied and with the help of which we won our freedom?"

"To one who believes in the efficacy of that principle and who has faith in its strength and universality, this history is of tremendous value not only for this country but for the world at large which in these days of frustration and helplessness despite the great advances of science is I fancy, looking for some such guidance. I ask this Congress of Historians to take up this work as of equal, if not of greater importance, than the history of the distant past or even of the recent World War. I. Those who participated in the struggle have done their work. Many of them who could have given very valuable information from their personal knowledge but have not put their knowledge on record, are now after another passing away and within a very short time the historian who has simply seen the events and more so the historian who will come later will have to depend more and more on accounts which are actually published from time to time in various forms like newspapers, brochures, reports and so forth. The living material is, alas, disappearing fast and will soon have become extinct."

"If, therefore, anyone is interested in this, he has to be vigilant and take up this work without delay so that future generations may not say that great deeds were done but not recorded by historians and their lessons, therefore, lost."

Sanskrit Pathshalas Reorganisation

BOMBAY, Wednesday.
The Committee appointed by the Government of Bombay to consider the question of the reorganisation of Sanskrit Pathshalas in the State has today submitted its report to the subject to express their views in detail on any of its terms of reference. The Committee has been instructed to consider the questions of standardization of courses of instruction in the Pathshalas; minimum qualifications of teachers to be employed in them and recognition and equivalence of certificates, diplomas and degrees of similar institutions in Bombay and other States.

Suggestions may be addressed to the Secretary of the Committee care of the Office of the Director of Public Instruction, Poona, so as to reach him by January 20, 1951.

NATURE OF A GOOD HISTORY

Dr. Rajendra Prasad said that even if the Government, which comprised of men who have taken part in the struggle and had thus been instrumental in making history, with its other preoccupations, was unable to provide the information and failed in its duty, it was no justification for others doing the same.

Dealing with the question as to what a good history should be, Dr. Rajendra Prasad said that the commonest view of history was that it was a record of the past and that the main concern was to disinter from the graveyards of time the facts and figures that once were, but not today.

This was obviously, he said, a most inadequate appreciation of history. If it was the study of philosophy, teaching by precedents, a mere record of the past would not be able to do that, for the simple reason that the man of the present would not be able to understand situations having complexities and a character which those of the past did not possess.

SYNTHESIS OF FACTORS
Quoting from the writings of the Greek Historian Polybius, and the Roman Historian Livy Cicero, Dr. Prasad said: "History has been looked upon not only as a mere lifeless chronicle but as giving us an insight into the genesis and development of human societies and their institutions."

"The history must be found in a reconciliation and synthesis of the various forces and factors which operated on and through human beings."

He added: "In writing any history, of our country particularly, we must recognise that the influence of material factors on the shape of man's destiny which has been certainly ignored earlier was at least as important a factor as human personality and its superphysical motives. A synthesis of both factors is necessary for the progress of history and a correct interpretation of the laws of history."

PAKISTAN MUSLIMS' PILGRIMAGE

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NEED FOR U. S. AID TO MEET INDIA'S FAMINE

American Emergency Food Committee's Plea

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (PTI-Reuters): The urgent need for American aid in meeting the threat of famine in India was stressed at a conference called yesterday by the American Emergency Food Committee for India.

Mrs. Dorothy Norman, member of the Executive Committee of the India League of America took the lead in forming the Committee after the Indian Ambassador, Mr. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, had, on behalf of her Government, asked the United States last week, for two million tons of foodgrains on a long-term credit basis.

Mrs. Norman at the outset, said that due to various natural calamities, India was faced with a deficit of six million tons of food grains in 1951. Arrangements had or would be made for the purchase of four million tons from Canada, Australia, United States and Argentina.

"Since all other sources of current and potential supply have been thoroughly investigated and exhausted, the United States is the only country from which the additional two million tons can now be obtained. The problem of securing adequate shipping space to India also has to be faced inasmuch as securing shipping is quite as vital as acquiring food grains."

Members of the All American Committee include author Pearl Buck, Dalton F. McClelland, Executive Secretary of the International Y.M.C.A., Margaret Forsyth, Foreign Secretary of International Y.M.C.A., Henry S. Leiper, Associate Secretary of World Council of Churches, publisher Richard J. Walsh and Sidney Hertzberg, author.

At the Committee's request, Mrs. Pandit came specially from Washington to address the conference. With her were Mr. M. K. Kripalani, Minister at the Indian Embassy in Washington, Mr. B. K. Nehru, Financial Adviser, and the Director of the India Supply Mission who replied to questions put by the audience.

Mrs. Norman said that India's request had been received with sympathy by the American Government but the matter would need legislation through Congress and the Committee had therefore taken up the task of facilitating speedy action.

She said that the Committee had made sure that the funds asked for by India would be available from American grain reserve and it was only a question of finance arrangement through Congress.

Mrs. Norman said "we are working out plans on what kind of legislation should be introduced in the Congress to introduce it and how it was to be implemented". She said there would probably be a joint resolution in both Houses of Congress.

ECA funds that had already been appropriated but had not so far been utilised in aid of Britain or other countries might be used for sending grain to India. The Committee's action could be expected "within the next few days", Mrs. Norman said, adding that both international and humanitarian aspects of the task heightened its urgency.

MRS. PANDIT THANKS

Mrs. Pandit thanked the Committee and specially Mrs. Norman for "her leadership". She added "in spite of goodwill shown by the United States Government nothing can go through without public support."

Mrs. Pandit said that she had been receiving a number of non-official enquiries on how American public could help India in her hour of need "It is a straight humanitarian problem also to the extent that India is helped to overcome the food problem she becomes a bulwark against the threat of the hour which is communism". Mrs. Pandit said.

Mr. Kripalani said that Mr. Dean Acheson, United States Secretary of State had not made any commitment on behalf of the American Government apart from receiving Mrs. Pandit's request with sympathy.

India would need shipments of half a million tons of foodgrains to reach her every month from February onwards.

The question of shipping also would have to be tackled and the American Government's assistance in this respect would be needed. Private shipping facilities were fully extended due to the Korean and other demands and although India was offering freightage of 19 dollars a ton compared to

12 dollars "a few weeks ago she was unable to obtain shipping space. He thought the American Government could help by realising a number of wartime freight ships that are now in "moth ball storage".

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

The Director of the India Supply Mission said that India would need 50 per cent more shipping than she was getting at present and the only place she could hope to get it was the United States. Shipments equivalent to 200 to 220 ships loads of rice to ten thousand tons each would be needed to carry the amount of grain asked from the United States Government.

Replying to questions from the audience, he said that the total deficit India now faced was less one eighth of her total annual requirement. Self-sufficiency plans for 1951 had failed because of natural calamities but India still hoped to balance her food budget by 1952.

Mr. B. K. Nehru said there was no possibility that a single grain of imported foodstuffs would go out of India.

Food control was functioning "remarkably well" in India. Although military expenditure was high the trend was actually downward compared to before the war. India had made further reductions in this respect.

Mrs. Norman in winding up the conference made an appeal to the American public to support the Committee's work. She said the Committee would interest itself not only in getting financial legislation passed but also in obtaining shipping for speedy transportation of foodgrains to India.

New U. S. Loan To Israel

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (PTI-Reuters): The United States today granted Israel a new 35 million dollar loan for American equipment, material and services for agricultural development.

The new credit, which is additional to the 100 million dollars already lent by the United States to Israel in the past two years, will run for 15 years and bear interest at three and half per cent.

Israel is to use the loan for irrigation, the establishment of farm settlements and further promotion of citrus fruit culture.

To carry out these projects Israel plans to add about 70 million dollars in local currency to the funds obtained in the United States.

Atom-Bomb Shelters For New U. S. Houses

TOTOWA (New Jersey), Dec. 27. (PTI-Reuters): Residents here can now order a built-in atom bomb shelter with their new home at an extra cost of 1,500 dollars.

The shelter under the garage floor has walls of reinforced concrete 18 inches thick on the sides and two feet thick overhead. A steel door seals it off from the garage and a reinforced concrete tunnel leading by a vertical shaft to the back garden affords an extra escape route.

NIGHT RAIL TRAFFIC MADE UNSAFE

Terrorism In Malaya

SINGAPORE, Dec. 27 (PTI-Reuters): Night rail traffic between Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, the Federal capital, will be suspended after January 3 because of increased terrorist attacks on official announcements said today.

Malayan Railway Authorities stated that incessant attacks on trains by guerrillas had caused a decline in passenger traffic.

The Rajasthan Government has sanctioned relief measures, estimated to cost Rs. 4,00,000, for the famine affected areas in Jaisalmer district and Phalodi tehsil of Jodhpur division. These include three road development schemes.

HAPPY OVER THEIR TALKS



Pleased over the results of the North Atlantic Treaty Council meeting in Brussels Dean Acheson, Ernest Bevin, Paul Van Zeeland and Robert Schuman exchange greetings prior to their departure to their respective countries.

SOME ASPECTS OF INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Discussions At Calcutta

CALCUTTA, December 27. (UPI).

THE Indian Political Science Conference, now in session here, devoted the second day's deliberations in the morning and afternoon today to discussion of some aspects of the Constitution of India.

Dr. B. M. Sharma of Lucknow University, Managing Editor of The Indian Journal of Political Science and Mr. Mrityunjay Banerjee of Poona read papers on "The President of the Indian Republic."

Dr. Sharma said, "The Constitution provides for an elected President and gives him a very wide field of powers in several spheres, but it does not mention how the President shall exercise those powers. There may emerge a fascist rule if a dominant party uses the President to perpetuate himself in the saddle."

Mr. Banerjee observed, "There are two schools of opinion about the position and powers of the President under the new Constitution of India. One of them may be described as the 'constitutional or realistic' view, which regards the President as just a figurehead, who has to act in all cases, on the advice of his Council of Ministers; while the other, the technical or juristic view, considers the office as a very powerful one which may even assume dictatorial authority."

Prof. D. N. Banerjee, head of the Department of Political Science, Calcutta University, and Prof. P. Suda of Meerut College read two papers on the fundamental rights and personal liberty.

Prof. Banerjee said that the so-called fundamental rights could never be in actual practice, whatever might be the position in theory. The provisions of Article 19 which hardly harmonize with the requirements of the growing sense of nationhood in the country.

Prof. Suda remarked that the Constitution did establish the rule of law in the country. The right of preventive detention could be defended on the ground of state necessity; it was a measure of self-preservation and self-defence.

Prof. Venkataramaya of Bombay, Dr. A. K. Ghosal of Calcutta and Prof. G. P. Srivastava of Gorakhpur also read papers.

Dacoity In PEPSU Town

AMBALA, Dec. 27 (UPI): The news of a daring dacoity in Drabassi, a small town in PEPSU, on the Grand Trunk Road, has reached here.

It is stated that eleven dacoits armed with guns, rifles and pistols with their faces masked, raided the house of a wealthy man, Mr. Jog Raj, at the dead of night on December 25. On pain of death, they made Mr. Jog to part with the valuables and decamped with gold and silver ornaments and other belongings, valued at about a lakh of rupees.

A special officer of the PEPSU police has been deputed for investigation. The local businessmen have suspended business out of fear and as a mark of protest.

NO MAN-MADE WAR IN 1951

BERLIN, Dec. 27. (PTI-Reuters): There will be no war next year, according to Frau Ursula Kardos, Germany's most famous fortune teller. But 1951 will bring the worst natural catastrophe known to living memory, she says.

Frau Kardos has a reputation for uncanny second sight and is taken seriously by the police who have sought her help in several murder cases.

DEMARCATÉ BORDER AREAS IN BENGAL

West's Proposal To Avoid Clashes

CALCUTTA, Dec. 27. (PTI): The West Bengal Government has sent a proposal to the East Bengal Government for demarcation of areas on the border of Nadia (West Bengal) and Kushtia (East Bengal) districts in order to prevent recurrence of exchange of firing between Indian and Pakistan border police forces, it was understood.

Exchange of firing between the border police had occurred on several occasions during the past few weeks over the harvesting and reaping of paddy crops from fields in Nadia District. No casualty was, however, reported.

The West Bengal Government, it was understood to have stressed the urgency and importance of demarcating the areas as soon as possible.

14 AFRICANS BATTERED TO DEATH

Christmas Assaults

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 27 (PTI-Reuters): Fourteen Africans were stabbed or battered to death in South Africa during Christmas holiday "celebrations."

In all thirty people were killed and 700 were injured in the usual Christmas crop of accidents and assaults. Four Europeans and two Africans were killed in accidents in Johannesburg and nearly 300 Africans and Europeans were taken to hospital.

Police Flying Squad headquarters in Johannesburg handled 6,000 calls in 24 hours.

No fatal accident was reported from Capetown but 363 people were treated for injuries.

Three deaths from knife assaults were reported in Cape peninsula. In Durban many Africans were assaulted and treated for lacerated skulls and stab wounds.

There were no serious accidents in either Salisbury or Bulawayo.

NEED TO ELECTRIFY RURAL AREAS

Dr. Prasad Opens Power Station At Khaperkheda

NAGPUR, December 27. (PTI).

PRESIDENT Rajendra Prasad today stressed the need for taking electricity to the rural areas and helping the growth of small-scale industries in the programme.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad was speaking at the opening of the Khaperkheda power station 12 miles from here.

The President said that India was in great need of adequate power production and it was expected that the country's present generating capacity would be increased many times when the various hydro-electric projects, now under planning, were completed.

He congratulated the Madhya Pradesh Government on launching the Khaperkheda project which was intended not only to electrify the towns but also the rural areas surrounding them. The President hoped that given the necessary power supply, the people of the villages would make the best use of their commonsense and creative abilities in developing small-scale industries which would add to the national wealth and prestige.

The opening by Dr. Rajendra Prasad of the Khaperkheda station marks the first major step in the Madhya Pradesh Government's power-development programme.

POWER STATION

Situated 12 miles from Nagpur, the new power station will have an initial generating capacity of 20,000 K.W. which will be raised to 30,000 K.W. by September 1951. Connected to and radiating from the station are about 840 miles of transmission lines feeding 21 main sub-stations situated at Nagpur, Amravati, Bhopal and other places. The Pench and Chandra coalfields and the manganese mines areas. All the sub-stations would be put into commission between January and June 1951.

In 10 to 15 towns which will get power supply immediately extension of electricity to rural areas and around the towns is also under active consideration.

Described as the first post-war grid scheme to be put into commission in India, the Khaperkheda station will finally be inter-connected with two other grid projects, thus ensuring adequate power supply at a cheaper cost. On arrival at Khaperkheda, the President was received by the Minister of Industries Mr. D. K. Mehta, the Chief Engineer, Electricity, Lt. Col. E. G. Mackie, and other officials.

After the Industries Minister gave details of the project, the President closed a switch on the table and declared the station open.

After his speech, the President was taken round the station to the boiler firing floor, where two of the boilers lay ready to receive fire. The President took a torch and lighted it from the ceremonial lamp and then ignited the fires of the boilers.

When the boilers attained full steam pressure in a day or two, steam will be admitted to the turbine and the process of electrical commissioning on to the transmission lines started.

The President was accompanied by the Governor of Madhya Pradesh, Mr. Mangaldas Fakvasa, Chief Minister, Pandit Havi Shankar Shukla and other Ministers.

No Cuts In Budget: French Rearming

PARIS, Dec. 27. (PTI-Reuters): The French Government refused to accept cuts which the Assembly's Finance Commission wants to make in the special rearmaments budget of 355 milliard francs (355 million sterling), M. Maurice Petech, Finance Minister, told the National Assembly today during a debate on the budget postponed from yesterday.

The sum of 355 milliard francs, the country's first year's contribution to the European defence programme, will, together with the ordinary military budget, increase France's defence expenditure next year by 65 per cent over this year.

The Government has announced its intention of staking its existence on the special budget.

Four Dead In Plane Crash

MADRID, Dec. 26. (PTI-Reuters): The crew of four died when a Spanish military plane crashed in Sierra Torca near Antequera in a snowstorm today.

The plane, a three-engined Savoia, was flying from Seville to its base at Granada.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

IT IS well known that barking dogs seldom bite; that the bully and the braggart, when faced with somebody worthy of his so-called mettle, begin to whine and pule like a very chicken. Humanity being what it is, men will always turn an admiring head when a pretty woman happens along. There is no harm in that. An occasional whistle or an appreciative remark can also be understood.

But it is going too far to lie in wait for unaccompanied females and pass remarks and indulge in gestures that are not fit to describe in print. Too often these things go unnoticed for the simple reason that the victims are backward to do anything about it. But yesterday, one of these louts met his match. A lady happened to be taking her walk for a walk in the evening. A self appointed Casanova passed by, said something foul and sauntered on. Taking advantage of the woman's disinclination to pursue the matter further, he returned, sat down at some distance, and began to sing. The lyrics must have been of the bar-room breed, for the lady was forced to get up and walk away. Not easily subdued—such types never are—she followed.

For once, Nemesis was lying in wait. A casual acquaintance of mine, who happened to be nearby, saw the incident, and, not having been born yesterday, took in the situation at a glance. He didn't waste time. He merely walked up to the girl, asked her, "Is this man annoying you?", saw from her face that he was, and laying hold of the rascal, gave him the sort of hiding he should have had years ago.

Like all cowards, the erstwhile "dada" turned yellow and began to threaten that his gang would do to the impudent fellow. The latter replied that he would wait right there for any gang that cared to come along. Needless to say it never did. After an hour, the chap who received the hiding, was found skulking in a restaurant trying as best he might, to explain away a bloody nose and missing teeth.

The authorities concerned must see to it that this mean and unmanly behaviour of thugs around town is put down with a heavy hand. Some years ago, the police had launched a vigorous drive and had mitigated this nuisance. Now the practice seems to be coming back again. Good as cycles brush past women yelling in decent remarks; they crowd round women in trains, pinching and manhandling them.

Are these backwardly goings-on a healthy omen for the future? Can we call ourselves men who stand by helplessly and watch guttersnipe tactics perpetrated on young girls unable to retaliate?

CONCENTRATE ON LABOUR

Circular To Congress Committees

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (PTI): Congress Secretary Mr. Mohanlal Gautam has sent a circular to all State and District Congress Committees asking them to concentrate on the labour movement through active co-operation with the Indian National Trade Union Congress.

Mr. Gautam has directed the State Congress Committees to set up a Labour Sub-Committee to "give guidance to individual Congressmen in their work on the labour front, who in their turn, should strive for the popularisation of Congress ideology and programme among the workers in factories and farms."

PIRATES RELEASE STEAMER

Some Cargo Looted

HONG KONG, Dec. 27 (PTI-Reuters): The 516-ton Panamanian steamer "Islas Visayas" attacked and held by pirates off the Chinese coast on Christmas Day was released yesterday.

The steamer, which was bound from Shanghai to Amoy from her present location in Taichow Bay, Chekiang. A radio message from the ship received here today said the pirates had looted some of her cargo and personal effects of the crew.

The rescue tug "Caroline Moller" which set out from here to help the Panamanian ship is returning today.

Avalanche Kills Two

SION, Switzerland, Dec. 27. (PTI-Reuters): An avalanche swept away and killed two men 4,000 feet up in the Valais, Alps, it became known here today.

The men were among a party of 12 who had been visiting Alpine cattle shelters.

Pak Goodwill Mission For West Bengal

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

CALCUTTA. (By Air). AFTER a severe cold wave Calcutta has again become warm and is passing through a spell of heat. This is apprehended to be a sign of bad health and already there are a good few cases of smallpox. This might spread if conditions do not improve.

Things are rather quiet in the political world—only Dr. Syamaprasad Mookherji has been trying to rally all anti-Congress elements into one entity to fight the Congress in the next general election. There have been a few secessions from the Congress fold but the stalwarts still remain with the Congress.

PAK GESTURE

A goodwill mission consisting of both Hindus and Muslims are arriving here from Barisal (East Pakistan) with a view to inducing the minorities to return to their homeland. This mission, it is learnt, is inspired by the Pakistan Government and this, coupled with the speeches of both Kwaajia Nazimuddin and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan show how the wind blows. This is a definite gesture from the Pakistan Government for inviting the Hindus back to Eastern Bengal. Some Hindus who have been in a hopeless and hopeless condition are no doubt returning to Eastern Bengal; but a good section do not intend to return as they are not willing to build up any faith in the Pakistan Government.

The Income-Tax Authorities in Calcutta have started a house to house survey with a view to finding out necessary information for the assessment of income-tax—especially with a view to baffling the efforts of the income-tax dodgers. The survey has just been taken up and will continue for sometime. Meanwhile, the Income-Tax Authorities are coming in for criticism for what is described as the vagaries of the department.

At a meeting of the Rural Welfare Society Mr. P. C. Sen, Food Minister of the West Bengal Government gave a reassuring message about food. He hoped that in spite of the damage to the crops through freaks of nature he would be able to bring through without the help of the Central Government. Besides some jute lands that have hitherto been growing jute are being converted into paddy lands.

TRIBUTE TO HINDUISM Professor Constantine Regamey of the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, addressing a meeting on the subject of "East and West" in Ramkrishna Cultural Institute, last night referred to the two great religions of East and West namely Hinduism and Christianity and maintained that unless these two religions were brought into harmony, humanity could not reach its goal, especially at the present critical

U. S. OFFICIALS TO TOUR GERMAN CITIES

FRANKFURT, Dec. 27 (PTI-Reuters): Mr. Edward W. Barrett, United States Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, arrived at the Rhine main airport near here today for a brief stay in West Germany.

He was accompanied by Mr. Geoffrey Lewis, Deputy Director of the American State Department's Bureau of German Affairs.

The two officials will visit Frankfurt, Berlin and Munich.

Cripps Better

ZURICH, Dec. 27. (PTI-Reuters): Sir Stafford Cripps' condition has improved, Lady Cripps said today and his doctors are "pleased with his progress."

She added: "We will be here for a few weeks longer before going up to Leysin."

Sir Stafford who is suffering from a tubercular infection of the spine entered a clinic here last month. He plans to go to the world famous tuberculosis centre at Leysin, (Switzerland).

MUTT AND JEFF—It's A Good Thing Jeff Bought The Piano On The Installment Plan

By BUD FISHER

